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By Volt Contreras

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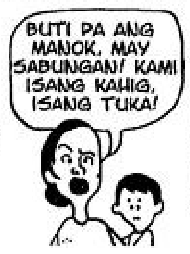

BUTI PA ANG MANOK, MAY SABUNGAN! KAMI ISANG KAHIG, ISANG TUKA!

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

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POPE RALLIES

But for 1st time in 26 years an aide will do Sunday Angelus blessing

VATICAN CITY—For the first time in his 26-year pontificate, Pope John Paul II will leave an aide to perform his traditional Sunday Angelus blessing while the bed-ridden Pontiff, who has bounced back from numerous health scares, will follow the ceremony from his hospital bed, the Vatican announced.

The papal blessing will be performed in the name of John Paul II by Argentine Archbishop Leonardo Sandri in front of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

"The Holy Father's text and the usual recitation of the Angelus will be read tomorrow, Sunday, 27 February, by the deputy secretary of state, Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, at 12 o'clock in St. Peter's Square," according to a statement from Navarro-Valls.

"At the same time, it will be Monsignor Sandri who will lead the Marian prayer and perform — in the Pope's name — the Apostolic blessing to the faithful present in St. Peter's.

"The Holy Father will join in reciting the Angelus from his room at the Gemelli polyclinic."

Given his usual determination to participate in public appearances, the Pope's failure to perform the traditional blessing will be seen by Catholics around the world as a sign that his condition had worsened. *(See related story on Page A10.)*

The ailing Pope, who will be 85 in May, is currently breathing through a hole in his throat from a tracheotomy on Thursday, which has left him unable to speak and dependent on written messages as his only means of communication.

Medical experts and Vatican insiders alike have blamed John Paul II's relapse in part on his appearance at his open hospital window, exposed to the winter chill, during his earlier hospitalization this month.

"It seemed that the Holy Father was better after his first hospitalization but all the meetings he took part in, and then the Angelus ... maybe it was all too premature," said Pawel Ptasznick, a longtime friend of the Pope.

During his last stay at Gemelli hospital, the Pope appeared at the window of his specially-equipped suite to greet the

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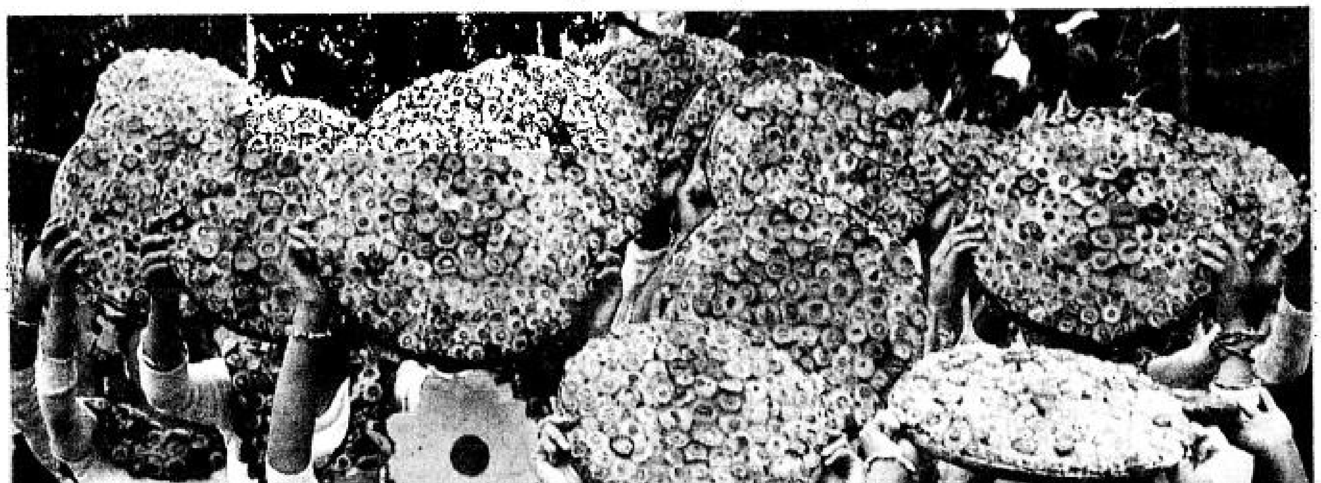
THE HOMETOWN of Pope John II, Wadowice in Poland, holds a special Mass for his speedy recovery. The Pontiff was rushed to the hospital on Thursday only 14 days after his discharge from a previous hospitalization. Catholics the world over are on their knees in prayer for their well-loved leader. AFP



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

The annual Panabenga flower festival is ongoing down Session Road in Baguio City to remind one and all that the country's summer capital is also a garden of delights. Dancing in the streets on Saturday are pretty young things bearing the city's signature bloom, the everlasting. Today's schedule of festivities includes a parade of floral floats. TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

RP AS JEWISH REFUGE

3 reunions give tribute, love, thanks to Filipinos

By Manuel L. Quezon III

FOR THREE days in February, the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, was abuzz over the Philippines. Not just one, but three reunions took place on the weekend of Feb. 11 to 13, 2005.

The first reunion involved the Frieder family, a prominent Jewish-American family with roots in Cincinnati but now with descendants in New York, Texas, Washington and elsewhere.

The second reunion involved a group that called itself the "Manilaner," refugees from the Nazi persecution of Jews in Germany who found a new home in the Philippines, thanks to the help of the Frieders.

And, finally, there were the Filipinos like myself, representing our country, one of the few that opened its doors to the Jews while they still had a chance to escape Nazi tyranny.

The weekend, in fact, had a theme: "Rescue in the Philippines: Refuge from the Holocaust." It was organized and planned by the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, established by the Jewish Institute of Religion of the Hebrew Union College, itself the oldest Jewish college in the United States.

The organizers hoped to focus attention on a little-known aspect of the Holocaust: How the Frieder family, which owned a cigar factory in Manila, had sought the help of Filipino leaders, in particular President Manuel Quezon, and the manner by which the Philippines answered humanity's call.

For the Frieders, the weekend was a chance for the older and younger generations of the family to be informed about, and to be thanked, for their ancestors' efforts. The weekend also was a chance for the survivors of the Nazi persecution—and Japanese atrocities during the Liberation of Manila—to thank the Frieders and the Filipino people.

The weekend began with Sabbath evening services on Friday, Feb. 11th, which happened

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Man searches for his 'Holocaust' brothers

By Daniel H. Dizon
Contributor

AS I AM about to turn 75, an unexpected surprise came my way after a fruitless search spanning 65 years.

Thanks to the INQUIRER article, "Jewish refugees honor 4 brothers, Filipinos" (published Feb. 8, 2005). Memories of 1940 came to mind, slowly, faintly at first then they came rushing vividly. The faces of my Grade 4 classmates came into view.

Still quite clear to me was the day Cristino David, our classroom teacher at the Holy Family Academy in Angeles City, Pampanga, introduced to the class our new classmate named Gerhard Heidemann, a Jew from Nazi Germany and his younger brother, Manfred Heidemann, who was taken to the Grade 3 classroom on the second floor.

Gerhard was probably about 11 and spoke very little English. I recall his melancholy eyes and reserved disposition. He preferred to be alone and was adverse to any form of disturbance. On the other hand, Manfred was playful and was generous with his smile but his large eyes, protected by thick and dark shapely eyebrows, evoked a considerable amount of sadness.

The outbreak of the Pacific War intervened and nothing was heard of my Jewish friends since 1941. It would be a source of great inner joy for me if before I close my eyes forever, someone, somewhere out there could inform me about my two "holocaust" schoolmates, Gerhard and Manfred Heidemann.

The Holy Family Academy was operated by German Catholic nuns of the Benedictine Order and they were mostly natives of the German Catholic province of Bavaria. All the nuns in the school were pure-blooded Germans, from the superior, the teachers, to the porter down to the cook. Not one nun was a native

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Gutsy Garchi: Big loss SC never knew

By Armand N. Nocum

TO SOME colleagues, Francis Garchitorena would have made a good member of the Supreme Court but his sense of independence—a trait that also spurred him to stand up to a dictator—ruined his chances.

To others, like court personnel who had served under him, he was not a man to be cowed by death threats.

"He was a maverick jurist. He was his own man. They could not lead him by the nose, so he was not appointed to the Supreme Court," ex-Sen. Rene Saguisag said of the late Sandiganbayan presiding justice, who died of cancer on Friday night.

In a telephone interview, Saguisag described Garchitorena as "knowledgeable [about the law], principled and incorruptible"—a man who could have enriched the Supreme Court had he been given a chance to serve in the country's high tribunal.

The former senator faulted the high court for allegedly "exercising a non-existent power" to determine who would fill up vacant positions in the Supreme Court.

"They want to have as member someone they can get along with," he said.

Saguisag, who now serves as one of the lawyers of ousted President Joseph Estrada, had crossed swords with the high tribunal over issues affecting his famous client.

Saguisag called the late justice "Gutsy Garchi" and a "pioneer" in the fight against Marcos.

"During the martial law years, when it was dangerous, he was there," he said. "He was one of the many heroes of the struggle."

Saguisag recalled that he and Garchitorena were young private practitioners when they lent support to three legal stalwarts—the late Senators Lorenzo Tañada and Jose W. Diokno and current Sen. Joker Arroyo—who took on Marcos for declaring martial law in 1972.

"They were the leaders, we were the foot soldiers," he said.

Saguisag said his "biggest regret" was not answering Garchitorena's phone call during the last yearend holidays because he was busy with the Estrada and other cases.

"It turned out he was already saying goodbye ... that he had premonitions of mortality," said Saguisag.

In all his 67 years, Gutsy Garchi, he said, never

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FRANCIS GARCHITORENA: Martial law hero; always his own man. Principled. No one could hold him by the nose. PDI PHOTO

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Ex-Reds 'radicalizing' Muslims

By Fe Zamora

EX-COMMUNIST rebels who converted to Islam are providing the "ideology" that has "radicalized" a small group of Islamic converts, including one suspected of involvement in the Valentine's Day bombings, according to an INQUIRER source in a Muslim nongovernment organization.

The source, a born Muslim who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the ex-rebels were now in their 40's and were "giving directions to Angelo Trinidad and the other younger converts." Trinidad was arrested early last week along with Gamal "Tapay" Baharan in connection with the bus explosion in Makati City.

"You only see the young converts, like Trinidad, but there are older people behind them..." the source said, adding:

"[The converts] have imported the fervor of the [New People's Army] and adopted it in their own struggle."

But Prof. Yusup Ledesma, spokesperson of the Balik Islam Unity Congress, said that while an alliance based on tactical reasons was possible, there were still "grave differences" between Islam and the NPA, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

For one, the Islamic principle of sharing one's wealth with the less fortunate—or *zaccat* (tithe)—is "mandatory," Ledesma said.

Training camp

The INQUIRER source said he met the supposed ex-NPA rebels at a meeting in Central Luzon late in 2002, after police raided an alleged terrorist training camp in Anda, Pangasinan.

The source said the meeting had been called to address the reported links of Balik Islam to terrorism, but that "nothing" came out of the discussions.

During the raid, Trinidad and five other Islamic converts were arrested for illegal possession of firearms.

They were released on bail and other Muslim converts, like Ledesma, protested the arrest and accused the raiders of planting evidence, like the claymore mines which were presented in court but which did not appear in the post-raid list of confiscated items.

New faith

On the other hand, Prof. Abhou Syed Lingga, chair of the Institute of Bangsa Moro Studies and the Bangsa Moro People's Consultative Assembly, expressed doubt about the militancy of Islamic converts.

"They are more concerned about theological issues and about defending their new faith. I still have to meet a convert who will go into political issues," he told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from Cotabato City.

Lingga said political issues were the concern of born Muslims "because of their struggle to regain their homeland in Mindanao."

"It was only Norberto Gonzales who said that Balik Islam is radical," he said, recalling the former national security adviser's statement just before the May 2004 elections.

Lingga said Balik Islam was just a term to refer to Filipinos of other religions who had turned to Islam. "They are welcome to join us. There is no discrimination," he said.

Lingga made news in May 2004 when he was barred at the Los Angeles airport while on his way to a United Nations-sponsored forum in New York.

In September last year, Lingga missed the flight from LA to Bangkok after United States authorities barred him again, apparently because he is a Muslim.

He had fulfilled a speaking engagement in LA upon the invitation of the Asian Society and the Institute of Peace, and was on his way to Bangkok for another appointment when he was stopped at the airport.

GUN IS MY
BULLET IS MY
WAR IS MY
DEATH IS MY

SOUTHERN Philippines military commander Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza (2nd from left) and Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala (left) read a sign in the captured Abu Sayyaf camp in Indanan in Jolo Friday. The camp of the al-Qaida-linked group was captured by government forces following a military offensive where 10 Abu Sayyaf members were killed. AFP

Pool hall owner tags 2 customers

By Nancy C. Carvajal

THE OWNER of a billiard hall in Taguig City where a cache of bomb-making explosives were found last Friday has pointed to two customers as being the ones who left the bag containing the explosives in his shop.

Joseph Diala, the shop owner, surfaced after police tagged him as a possible suspect and he would now be a witness, said Supt. Ramon Reyes, the Taguig City chief of police.

"The shop owner finally admitted that he knew the person who left the bag in his place last Feb. 23," said Reyes.

Reyes said Diala told him that he had gone into hiding because he feared for his life.

"He claimed that the pair were regular customers in his hall," Reyes said.

He said police were now hunting the suspects that Diala had identified and that an arrest was imminent.

Police found 10 to 15 kilograms of pyrotechnic powder stuffed in a metal can, two kilograms of TNT and 90 blasting caps in a black backpack in Diala's billiard hall located at Block 9, Lot 5, Phase 1 Enlisted Personnel housing, in Western Bicutan.

The explosives, which police officials said were powerful enough to level two five-story buildings, were found just hours before the start of the celebrations to mark the 19th anniversary of the first People Power Revolution at Edsa.

Authorities are investigating if the explosives, which had not yet been assembled into a bomb, were meant for use in the Valentine's Day bombing in Makati or to disrupt the Edsa rites.

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Military forges 'informal' truce with MNLF faction

By Alcuin Papa

THE MILITARY has reached an informal truce with a Muslim rebel group, allowing troops to concentrate on pursuing al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf extremists, an official said Saturday.

Ben Loong, the governor of Jolo, told government officials he helped broker the agreement with Muslim leader Habier Malik, who had led Moro National Liberation Front forces in an uprising on Jolo earlier this month.

"We cannot say it's a ceasefire but we call it a gentleman's talk between the Armed Forces and the MNLF," Loong said.

Malik, a loyal follower of jailed MNLF founder Nur Misuari, led about 300 MNLF fighters supported by the Abu Sayyaf in attacks on military outposts in Jolo on Feb. 6, triggering fighting that claimed the lives of 25 soldiers and about 70 rebels.

More than 27,000 people fled their homes due to the clashes.

Although Malik's base in the jungles outside Panamao town had been captured and his forces dispersed, the fugitive religious leader remained in hiding with many of his armed followers still at large.

Loong said he was able to contact Malik, with both sides agreeing to refrain from attacking each other.

The government has been cracking down on the Abu Sayyaf after a spokesperson of the group claimed responsibility for near-simultaneous bombings in Manila and the southern cities of General Santos and Davao on Feb. 14 which killed as many as 12 people and injured some 100 others.

The Abu Sayyaf said the Feb.14 bombings were in retaliation for the attacks on Malik's forces.

However, officials said Malik and other MNLF commanders had kept their distance from the Abu Sayyaf although some of the lower-ranking fighters had mixed loyalties.

Meanwhile, military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jose Angel Honrado said the military was scaling down operations in Sulu after it dispersed members of the Abu Sayyaf and the Misuari breakaway groups.

"We are containing the areas of operations (of soldiers in Sulu), limiting troop movements where we feel the threat of the ASG and the MBG is imminent," Honrado said.

"We have achieved our goal to break the backbone of the ASG and the MBG. They have been broken down into smaller groups and we have degraded their capabilities to a point where they are avoiding any engagement with our troops," he added.

Troop movement in Sulu, Honrado explained, would be at the discretion of ground commanders in the area, who include Joint Task Force Comet chief Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala and Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza.

Honrado also said a large part of Sulu where fighting raged for the past two weeks had been "cleared."

"These areas have been cleared and people can now return to their homes. I would also like to assure our brothers in Sulu that the AFP will help in addressing the condition of evacuees and ensuring the flow of relief goods," he said. *With AFP*

Duterte: Big names coming out in Valentine's bombing

DAVAO CITY—The names of some prominent personalities have been cropping up in the investigation into last Valentine's Day bombings, according to Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

"There are really big names, but I can't divulge it to you so as not to jeopardize our investigation," Duterte told reporters here.

At least 12 people died while more than 100 others were injured when homemade bombs went off almost simultaneously in Makati, General Santos City and the Ecoland terminal in Davao City last Feb. 14.

Duterte said the four suspects who were arrested for the Makati bombing "were just small ones."

The mayor, who is also the country's antiterror czar, described as a "fantasy" Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Vicente Emano's claim that the latter had advance knowledge of the Feb. 14 attacks.

"I had prior knowledge of the bombings. In fact, our city and the city of Iligan were included in their list, but I pleaded (with them) not to include our city. With knees bended on the ground, head tilted toward heaven, hands crossed in pleading that our city be spared," the SunStar Davao newspaper quoted Emano as telling a Bombo Radyo broadcast.

The paper also said that in yet another radio interview, Emano had said that the 10

that he had spoken with them by phone.

Duterte said the Cagayan de Oro City mayor might have some explaining to do.

Davao City administrator Wendel Avisado said he had been informed that Emano had denied the report, claiming his remarks had been taken out of context.

The INQUIRER tried but failed to contact Emano.

Davao Councilor Diosdado Mahipus said the city council would look into Emano's alleged statements.

"If proven that he really had prior knowledge of the bombings but did not do anything to prevent them, then he could be charged criminally as an accomplice," he said.

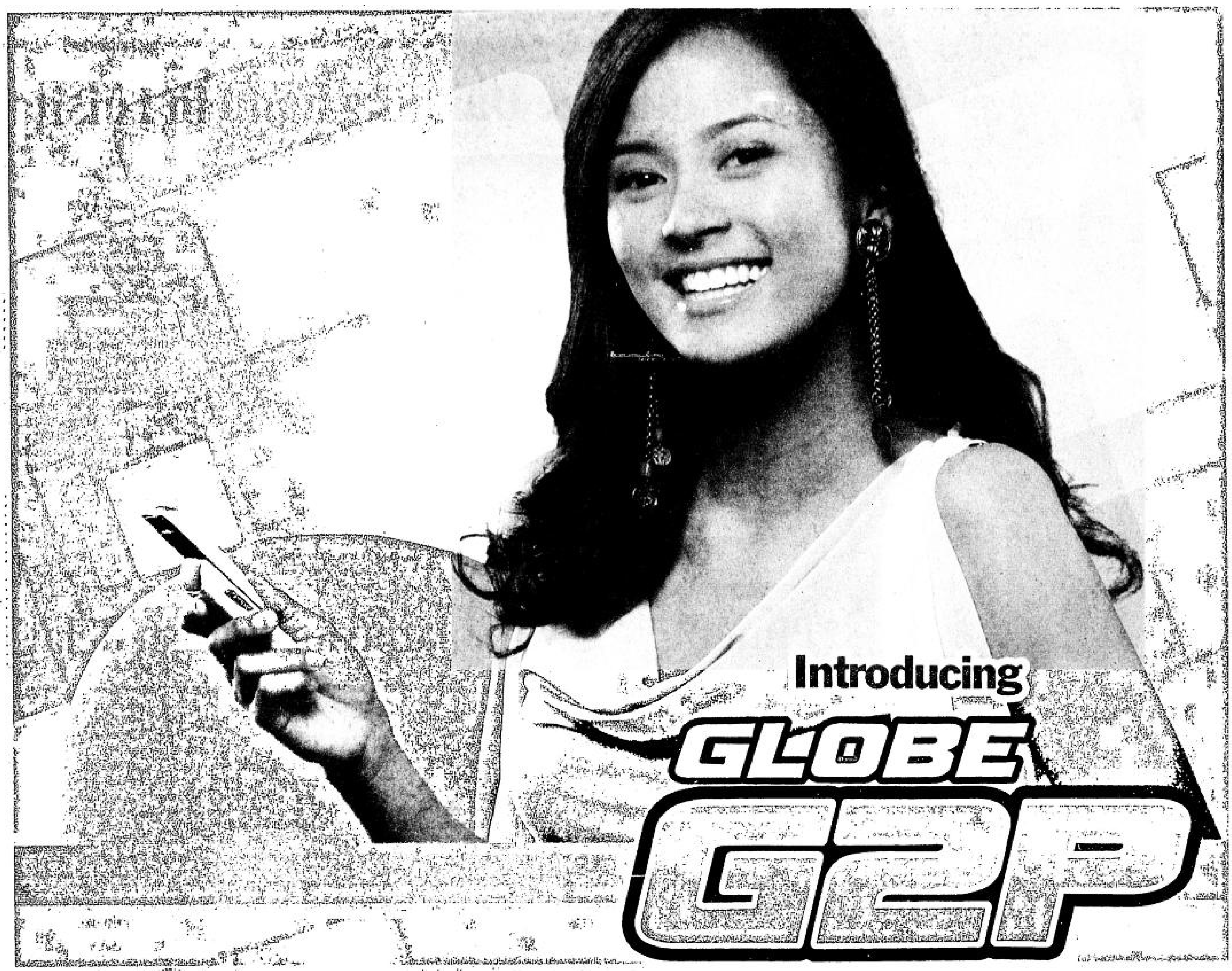
In Kidapawan City, authorities are under fire for a bomb drill that went out of hand, causing panic and some injuries.

The city police conducted the antiterror drill at the Notre Dame of Kidapawan College, a private school, but kept the information that it was a drill to only a few people.

A phone call was placed to Bro. John Tan, the school director, about the supposed presence of a bomb on the campus.

Tan alerted the teachers and the students, but things went out of hand.

Elementary school pupils reacted in panic. Some students sustained minor injuries. *Anthony S. Allada, Jeffrey M. Tupas and*



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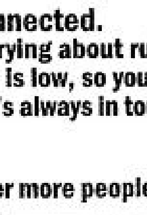

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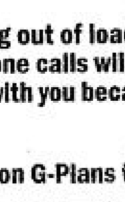

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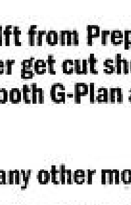

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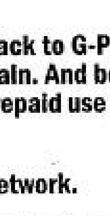

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Correction

IN FRONT PAGE stories appearing in the issues of Feb. 25 and 26, the woman being sought by the police in connection with the kidnapping of a 3-year-old Chinese-Filipino boy was identified as Suzette See Huang, based on information from police sources. Philippine National Police intelligence chief Director Robert Delfin said the woman listed in the PNP records in connection with the case was Suzette See Wang, not Huang.

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Militants see Danding hand in Luisita

By Norman Bordadora

COJUANGCO

MILITANT farmers suspect that businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco may already be in control of the operations of the sprawling Hacienda Luisita sugar plantation in Tarlac.

Quoting sources in the management of Hacienda Luisita Inc., the peasant group Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas yesterday said executives identified with Cojuangco had taken over the reins of the plantation as early as August last year.

"Danding's people prompted the retrenchment of the 326 farm workers because they were seen as the ones who would oppose the conversion of the estate and the consequent displacement of the more than 30,000 inhabitants of the hacienda," said KMP information officer Carl Ala.

But KMP's claim was denied by Hacienda Luisita.

Hacienda Luisita counsel Vigor Mendoza told the INQUIRER that selling the plantation to Cojuangco had never been considered by the present owners.

"It was never considered. It was never on the radar screen," Mendoza told the INQUIRER.

Mendoza branded the claim as propaganda by the terminated farm employees meant to agitate those still with the hacienda.

He said the reports came out after they declared the suspension of work at the Central Azucarera de Tarlac.

Ala said the entry of Cojuangco into the picture would pave the way for the industrialization of the hacienda, a land-use conversion which is totally against the stock distribution agreement between the family of Don Pedro Cojuangco and the hacienda farmers.

Mendoza admitted there were plans to industrialize more areas in the hacienda as alleged by the KMP.

He, however, denied that Danding had a hand in the plan.

The hacienda farmers own more than 30 percent of the hacienda under the stock option pursuant to the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. Instead of land redistribution among the farmers, they were given shares of stock in the hacienda management.

The KMP said it had reason to believe the family of Don Pedro—to which former President Corazon Aquino and her brother former Tarlac Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco belong—had relinquished its majority hold of the hacienda to Danding.

"This is what we feared. The former controlling interests in HLI had been eased out by Danding because of his plans to make the estate the regional hub for his business," said KMP spokesperson Willy Marbella. Cojuangco chairs San Miguel Corp.—the country's largest food and beverage company.

"What the Cojuangcos did was a dastardly act against the farm workers. This would mean rampant land use conversion," Marbella added.

Marbella accused the Cojuangco family of negotiating with the striking workers in "bad faith."

"All they wanted to do is to settle the labor dispute so that the land question can be obscured and Danding can slip in undetected," Marbella said.

Seven persons were killed at the hacienda in November when violence erupted due to the labor dispute between the United Luisita Workers' Union and the hacienda management.

Both the farm workers union and the management have since been trying to come up with an agreement to no avail.

Pimentel: JDV to blame for budget delay

SENATE Minority Leader Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel yesterday accused Speaker Jose de Venecia of being behind the impasse in Congress' deliberations on the 2005 national budget.

Since De Venecia continued to snub the bicameral conference on the budget, Pimentel said, the House leadership seemed to favor another reenactment of the 2003 budget in order for the administration congressmen to have continued control over funds.

"I hold Speaker Jose de Venecia responsible for the continued non-movement of the budget (deliberations)," Pimentel said at a breakfast forum yesterday.

"The budget is one big pork barrel. They want it reenacted so they will have more money to work with," he said.

The Senate minority leader said administration congressmen wanted the current national budget reenacted because it had so much pork allocation for the President. Funds controlled by Malacañang would ultimately be made available to the administration congressmen.

"Their pork could go a long way (with the current budget)," Pimentel said.

This was not the first time the House leadership delayed the budgetary reconciliation meetings with the Senate. He said the same thing happened in 2003 when the House panel failed to show up at the bicameral conference.

"This is not the first time the Senate is playing hooky. They did it when they stalled the budgetary reconciliation meetings in 2003," Pimentel said.

The Senate minority leader called on De Venecia to exercise leadership and compel the House panel to meet with its Senate counterpart to discuss the appropriations that would form the National Appropriations Act of 2005.

Owing to the administration's admission that the country is in the midst of a fiscal crisis, proposals for the 2005 budget included cuts in the congressional allocation. *Norman Bordadora*

New round of absentee voters' listing set

By Jerome Aning

THE COMMISSION on Elections will try to reach out to Filipinos in every part of the globe when it begins in October a new round of registration for overseas absentee voters.

Commissioner Florentino Tuason Jr., the head of Comelec's committee on overseas absentee voting, said the poll body was targeting one million new overseas Filipino voters for the 2007 midterm elections.

Filipinos abroad may apply for registration during the work week in Philippine embassies, consulates and other foreign service offices from Oct. 1, 2005 to Aug. 31, 2006.

The Comelec is this early threshing out problems on OAV registration by adopting more efficient and less costly processes without sacrificing the integrity of the exercise.

Last Wednesday, Tuason presided over a six-hour consultation with representatives from the foreign affairs and labor departments, congressional committees on suffrage and election laws and migrant organizations to discuss the general instructions for OAV registration.

The Comelec said it would clarify some irrelevant and impractical provisions of the Republic Act No. 9189, or the OAV Law, to minimize delays, huge expenditures and "human errors." *Jerome Aning*

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, February 27, 2005
3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Water flowing from the rock

In those days the people thirsted for water there and grumbled against Moses, "Why did you make us leave Egypt to have us die of thirst with our children and our cattle?"

So Moses cried to Yahweh, "What shall I do with the people? They are almost ready to stone me!" Yahweh said to Moses, "Go ahead of the people and take with you the elders of Israel. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you on the rock at Horeb. You will strike the rock and water will flow from it and the people will drink." Moses did this in the presence of the elders of Israel.

The place was called Massah and Meribah because of the complaints of the Israelites, who tested Yahweh saying, "Is Yahweh with us or not?"

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

The Love of God has been poured out into our hearts

Brothers and sisters, by faith we have received true righteousness, and we are at peace with God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him we obtain this favor in which we remain and we even boast to expect the Glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been given to us, pouring into our hearts the love of God.

Consider, moreover, the time that Christ died for us: when we were still helpless and unable to do anything. Few would accept to die for an upright person; although, for a very good person, perhaps someone would dare to die. But see how God manifested his love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel: John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

Give me your living water

Jesus came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there. Tired from his journey, Jesus sat down by the well; it was about noon. Now a Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had just gone into town to buy some food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (For Jews, in fact, have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus replied, "If you only knew the Gift of God! If you knew who it is that asks you for a drink, you yourself would have asked me and I would have given you living water."

The woman answered, "Sir, you have no bucket and this well is deep; where is your living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well after he drank from it himself, together with his sons and his cattle?"

Jesus said to her, "Those who drink of this water will be thirsty again; but those who drink of the water that I shall give will never be thirsty; for the water that I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Give me this water, that I may never be thirsty and never have to come here to draw water."

The woman then said to him, "I see you are a prophet; tell me this: Our fathers used to come to this mountain to worship God; but you Jews, do you not claim that Jerusalem is the only place to worship God?"

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you shall worship the Father, but that will not be on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship without knowledge, while we Jews worship with knowledge, for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is even now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for that is the kind of worshippers the Father wants. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah, that is the Christ, is coming; when he comes, he will tell us everything." And Jesus said, "I who am talking to you, I am he."

In that town many Samaritans believed in him when they heard the woman who declared, "He told me everything I did." So, when they came to him, they asked him to stay with them and Jesus stayed there two days. After that many more believed because of his own words and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you told us; for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is the Savior of the world."

Commentary

The Sunday of water readings. The people thirst in the desert and cry out against God and Moses. Moses is commanded to strike the rock and bring forth water and he obeys and the people have water, even after testing God. And Jesus thirsts and a woman of Samaria comes to the well. She is questioned and led through the process of conversion, belief and knowledge of who Jesus is until she leaves her water jar at the well and goes home with the living water of the Word and Spirit within her. Yet she still needs the community of the Word and paschal mystery (the three days he spends with them) to get past her limited personal experience of him to come to know him as the Savior of the World How thirsty are we? For baptism, for the Word of God, for the truth, for knowledge of Jesus, for community, for our God who saves the whole world? Are we still testing God for our immediate concerns and oblivious to the Water of Life that is in our midst? Jesus, you thirst for us. Seize our hearts and lives so that we might come to worship our God in spirit and truth with you. Amen.

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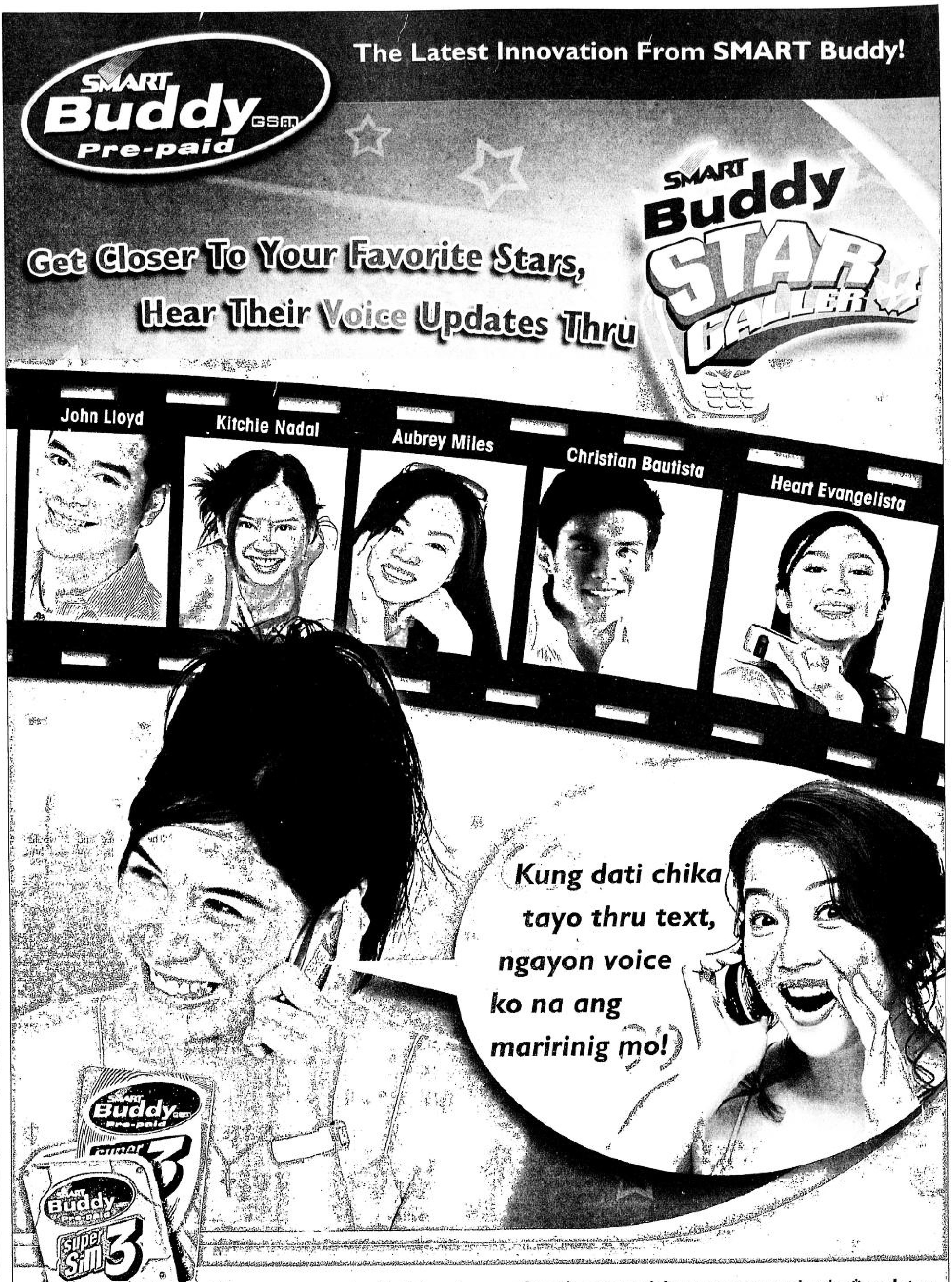
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Visioning not edible…

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ronmentalist and civil society leader Nick Perlas tells it, First World countries, top corporations and successful people have, knowingly or otherwise, engage in intense "visioning" of what they want their future to be like—and eventually achieve that desired future.

"The Philippines is known all over the world for its two peaceful People Power mobilizations that toppled two corrupt governments. But it has missed the opportunity to [make the phenomenon] a genuine peaceful societal revolution that would truly change Philippine society for the better," Perlas, a winner of the 2003 Right Livelihood Award (also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize"), told the INQUIRER.

He acknowledged "cynical comments that the poor cannot eat visions or positive images of the future." And yet, he said, "many studies have shown that human beings create their own realities through symbolic and mental processes, the products of which are ideas and images of the future."

According to Perlas, "we wallow in self-defeating images in many areas of our life, so our behavior tends to follow these images."

Focus on accomplishments

To counter the abundance of reports on poverty, corruption in the government, the burgeoning number of overseas Filipino workers, etc., the media should start giving equal focus on "accomplishments and pro-active" responses to these problems, he said.

Perlas went into specifics: "The self-defeating [photograph] of a slum area, for example, can be countered by one on new housing projects put up by civic groups. Reports on the OFW phenomenon can be countered by [news about] new businesses set up in barangays through micro-financing, or professionals going back to the provinces."

To be sure, he said, "we should not ignore the realities around us." Still, "many thinkers and doers of the past understand the power of image to create the future, which we are either doomed to realize if based on self-defeating images or are blessed to realize if based on realistic positive images."

Imagine

This was the principle behind the Karangalan Conference that Perlas organized at the Cultural Center of the Philippines late last month.

At one of the sessions dubbed "Imagine Philippines," the participants were asked questions like: "What will the Philippines be famous for in the next five years?"

Perlas said one of the answers he remembered most was that which visualized the country as "the next Milan" or design capital of Asia, with the abundance of local artistic talents finally making a bigger impact on the economy.

"We are importing many clothes, for example, whose designs actually came from the Philippines. It's just that those countries [from where we import] have cheaper raw materials," he said.

Perlas encouraged local government units to hold town or city versions of the "Imagine" sessions. Skeptics may dismiss it as just another gabfest or rhetorical exercise, but the "Pygmalion Effect" is a recognized concept in psychology and is actually being applied today to boost the performance of business organizations.

Creating worlds

"Words create worlds," said Besol Lopez, who coordinated the "Imagine Philippines" sessions at the CCP conference.

"If you review different success stories around the world, [you will see that] they are of people who saw things other people don't," Lopez said.

"Now, if you keep a victim mentality, problems will really come your way," she said.

And she offered food for thought: "Reality is created twice—first in your head and then in your words."

'We are able to be the family we wanted to be'

By Nancy Carvajal

ALL HIS life, he had been a cold perfectionist, a disciplinarian whose seemingly hard facade raised a wall between him and his children.

Weeks before he died of cancer, as he lay in his hospital bed trying to fall asleep, former Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena reached out and took the hand of his eldest son, Jaime.

It was the first time in his life he could remember that his father had deliberately held his hand, the son told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"The wall was broken down," said Carlos, the youngest son among five. "We were able to be the family that we all wanted to be, loving and caring."

A son's love

Garchitorena's youngest described the former justice as very intellectual, a man who saw things in black and white—until his illness brought them all close together.

Carlos came home from the United States, where he had been studying, on learning that his father had been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

"I am glad that I have come home and been able to show my love to my father," he said.

Behind the cold exterior, Jaime said, was a warmth the family shared in his father's last days.

Jaime, a former singer, is now general manager of an internet technology training center.

Joking about funeral

"It might be callous to say but the whole five weeks, [from the time] that my father discovered that he had terminal cancer, to the day he died, was filled with light moments," Jaime said.

"We talked about a lot of things, even joked about his funeral."

Jaime added: "My father finally let go of being a disciplinarian. Maybe he realized that we had grown up."

Closing the past

What the family felt during the last days was not the heaviness of someone dying because they had come to terms with each other and had found a closure to the different disagreements of the past, he said.

The disciplinary shadow of his father which he felt in his 36 years "was erased in five weeks," Jaime said.

The retired jurist had accepted that he was dying, according to his estranged wife, Vicky Garchitorena.

Last words

"Fifteen minutes before he died, his last words were, 'Into your hands I commend my spirit,'" she told the INQUIRER.

Vicky said he knew that his end was near.

He had two requests: To be buried beside his mother at the Loyola Memorial in Parañaque and not to be cremated.

He also asked that his favorite prayer, Padre Pio's "Let my last breath be an act of love," be recited during his wake.

Three days before Garchitorena died, former President Corazon Aquino visited him at the hospital and they prayed the rosary together.

Words for Cory

Garchitorena was among the most outspoken of professionals who joined protest rallies against Ferdinand Marcos after opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated in 1983.

Ms Garchitorena said that when the former President thanked her husband for all the support he had given her family, she heard him tell Aquino that he was ready to die for her.

A nightly Mass for the late jurist will be held at 7 p.m. at Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati, to be celebrated by three different priests before his interment on Tuesday.

Gutsy Garchi: Big loss Supreme Court never knew

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called to give him yearend greetings, except that one time.

Two other men Garchitorena called to come see him were Sandiganbayan sheriff Edgardo Urieta and his deputy, Manny Torio. The calls came earlier this month as "PJ" lay at the Makati Medical Center.

Protect the court

Urieta remembers Garchitorena as the one who instilled discipline among Sandiganbayan personnel and who was genuinely concerned about the safety of the anti-graft court's employees.

"He always tells me: 'Protect the building. Protect the people. Don't mind me,'" he said.

When someone sent Garchitorena a funeral wreath and Urieta suggested that security escorts be assigned to him, Garchitorena waved him off.

"*Kaya ko 'to. Anong palagay mo sa akin, di lalaki* (I can handle this. What do you think of me? I'm not a man?)"

No to friends

Despite the threats, Garchitorena would insist on driving himself to work even if a driver had been assigned to him, he said.

Urieta also said Garchitorena was one justice who did not want people prying him out of court about their cases.

"Even if you are a close friend and you happen to mention to him about a case pending in his division, you cease to be his friend," he said.

One time, he said, a well-known lawyer who had earned Garchitorena's respect talked to the justice's wife, Vicky, about a case pending in the Sandiganbayan first division, which Garchitorena also chaired.

"When he heard this, he called the lawyer in court and said: 'Next time, don't go to anyone if you have a case here. Talk to us directly and bring your evidence,'" Urieta quoted Garchitorena as telling the lawyer.

To the late jurist, the court room was the only place where cases should be discussed by prosecution and defense lawyers.

Unquestioned integrity

Members of the legal community yesterday mourned the passing of Garchitorena.

"Definitely, he's a loss to the legal community. He was a highly respected jurist known for his integrity and learning," said lawyer Ismael Khan, the Supreme Court spokesperson.

"The Supreme Court, I'm sure, is very saddened by his untimely demise," he added.

Justice Dante Tinga said Garchitorena would have been a good member of the high court.

"Probably, had it not been for some other circumstances, he should have gone up," Tinga said. "He was a man with a keen sense of justice."

Three times, the Judicial and Bar Council had nominated Garchitorena to the Supreme Court but he was not appointed, said the high court's Clerk of Court Luzviminda Puno.

Garchitorena headed the Sandiganbayan for 16 years until October 2002, when he opted for early retirement after conceding that he could not meet the high court's deadline to dispose of the backlog of cases in his division.

"He was a brilliant lawyer. There was no question about his integrity," said Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez. *With reports from Philip Tubeza*

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3 reunions give tribute, love …

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to be the 60th anniversary of the destruction of Temple Emil. This was the Jewish temple on Taft Avenue that was burned down by the Japanese, who vandalized and desecrated it before doing so. It was also the anniversary of the rededication of the temple after it was rebuilt with the financial and moral support of Jewish-American GI's after the war.

Startling

The ceremony began in a most startling manner for the Filipinos there: quietly, but with big, happy smiles. Elderly white people would approach any Filipino they happened to see, and say, "*Magandang gabi po!*" These were the Manilaner, very old now, but young once upon a time, the time when they'd learned polite phrases in the local language.

A rabbi began the service by recounting how, as a young boy, he had gone down to a river in their hometown with his grandfather, the day after the Nazis burned down their town's synagogue and threw the sacred scrolls of the Torah into the river. His message—exhorting everyone to be both aware of the hideousness of racial and religious persecution, the need to remind future generations of its very real existence, and yet treasure with every waking day, the memories and affections of the departed—was one that touched those present deeply.

Near the end of the service, which involved prayers and songs recalling the covenant of the Jewish people with God, I was asked to read a prayer over the challah, which as far as I understood it, was the ritual breaking of the bread.

Tapestry of time

The prayer was brief, but seemed to summarize everything the weekend was about: "As the fingers of the challah intertwine, so do we join hands in our common humanity, sharing the fruits of our labors. We cherish that which has been created through human effort. For it is through the work of our hands, the strength of the human spirit, the vision of our minds, that our dreams are woven into the tapestry of time.

"We celebrate the accomplishments of yesterday and today, anticipating the possibilities of tomorrow. May the sharing of this challah strengthen our bonds with others who walk upon this earth."

From the religious rituals of the Jews, we moved on to a banquet thrown by the Filipino community of Cincinnati for the organizers and participants. Naturally there was no pork, out of respect for the dietary restrictions of Jews, but no meat either, because it was Lent.

Evening of songs, dances

The highlight of the evening was, of course, singing and dancing. Most of the Americans present didn't know the meaning of the words of "Gaano Kita Kamahal," "Bayan Ko," "Sitsiritsit," "Dahil sa 'Yo," and "Ako Ay Pilipino," but they all clapped enthusiastically and were frankly astounded at the demonstration of the "Tinikling."

As if the audience needed further evidence of the virtuoso talents of the Filipino, the chorale then performed "Hava Nagila" and "Hevenu Shalom Alechem," two Hebrew folk songs, which had the Jewish audience clapping and singing along.

Feb. 12th was an intimate day, beginning with a book signing by Frank Ephraim, whose dedication to writing down the life stories of his fellow Manilaner inspired the whole event.

'Manilaner' memories

The evening was spent at the home of Mark Heimann, one of the organizers who is married to a Filipina, during which I had the chance to meet and talk to the Manilaner who attended. Their memories and affection for a long-lost Philippines remain vivid and tender to this day.

The weekend culminated with a ceremony at the Jewish Temple on Plum Street in Cincinnati, a massive and impressive structure. The program began with the Israeli, Philippine and American national anthems, an invocation by a rabbi, and the sharing of testimony by some of the refugees, and then messages from those who had helped them escape the Nazis. There were messages as well from President Bush; the governor of Ohio, who happens to be a great-grandson of William Howard Taft, the US governor-general in the Philippines from 1901 to 1904; and a granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who served as an assistant military adviser in Manila in the 1930s and was sympathetic to the Jews.

'Righteous person'

It was an extremely moving ceremony, not least because of the outpouring of respect, admiration and affection for the Philippines and the Filipino people. On behalf of the Jewish refugees who found a home in the Philippines, the Center for Holocaust and Humanity proclaimed President Quezon a "Righteous Person," the title given by the Jewish people to non-Jews who helped save lives. There was, too, a certificate stating that a tree in his memory had been planted in a forest in Jerusalem dedicated to the 1.2 million children killed during the Holocaust.

On behalf of my family, I thanked them for the tribute and for their testimony. This is part of what I said in response:

Impulse of the heart

"We are gathered here to recognize the efforts that made it possible for refugees from the Holocaust to come to the Philippines to live. Mr. Ephraim's loving record of the lives of his fellow "Manilaner," the refugees from Nazism that found refuge in Manila, traces the ways President Quezon tried to do all he could to help those escaping from terror and annihilation. When Philippine officials balked at granting access to public land to the refugees, my grandfather gave the refugees access to his own private land, thereby bearing witness to one of his own maxims. Social justice, he said, is far more beneficial when applied as a matter of sentiment, and not of law. He meant, and wanted to prove, that goodness and justice must come from an impulse of the heart, lest it be fatally constrained by bureaucrats and the law."

While the audience very generously rose to its feet after I gave my remarks, I think—I know—they did so not for me, but for the Philippines.

(The author is a grandson of Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippine Commonwealth from 1935 to 1944.)

CLIMAX of three reunions at the Jewish temple on Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio: From left, Manuel L. Quezon III, Alice Weston, the eldest surviving member of the Frieder family, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk and Aurora Q. Avanceña.

Man searches for his 'Holocaust' …

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Filipino. Hence, we students of those years received a considerable dose of German-style discipline at home, in church and in the study and practice of our Catholic faith.

Kindness, patience

Our 1940 school mother superior, Rev. Mother Lucilla Börgner, OSB and her assistant, Rev. Mother Albana Säuter, OSB, took turns in admonishing us students to treat the Heidemann brothers with extra kindness and patience, since, they told us, they had undergone a lot of suffering and persecution while in Nazi Germany and during their escape from Nazi Europe to the Philippines.

Our classroom teacher, Cristino David, informed us that Philippine Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon took great pity on the persecuted Jewish refugees that he opened the doors of the Philippines for them. They were welcome to settle here.

Quezon's offer

In fact, Mr. David added, President Quezon had offered the whole island of Polillo off Tayabas (now Quezon province) as a home for about 10,000 Jews.

As the months passed, Mr. and Mrs. Heidemann took turns in visiting our school to inquire about the status of Gerhard and Manfred, conversing with the nuns in German. If I remember right, Mr. Heidemann managed to lease a large house at the railroad crossing at the north extremity of the town and converted it into a cocktail lounge and restaurant, which was named the Duhat Bar from the tall and spreading duhat tree right in front of it. It became one of the favorite hangouts of American soldiers from Fort Stotsenburg (now Clark) every evening and on weekends.

On a few occasions, as boys will be boys, Gerhard and Manfred fell prey to a few bullies who, probably out of curiosity, would entice the Heidemann boys to engage in some naughty games that inevitably resulted in brief fist fights out of the gaze of the German nuns.

Boys will be boys

These naughty Filipino boys simply wanted to find out how a "*hudyo*" boy would fight. Besides they relished leaving reddish fist marks on Gerhard's pale, chubby arms, legs and face. Poor Gerhard had no other recourse but to fight back in self defense. Besides, he was a bigger fellow than most of the Filipino boys his age.

Manfred, as always, would react with a wide grin and run around playfully to the chagrin of his adversaries. Whenever such bullying took place, I always felt terrible pity for the two Jewish boys who had no one on their side. I hated myself for my inability to do something for them since I was too small and frail.

Too much

In one of these bullying incidents, I saw Manfred running around laughing trying his best to avoid body contact, but suddenly a fist hit his chest without warning. He doubled up cringing in pain with both hands clutching his chest. Tears were rolling down his cheeks. No one noticed who hit him. This was simply too much for me not to do anything so I rushed to his side and tried to help him somewhat lean on a tree trunk. He managed a half-smile at me amidst his tears.

Broken breastbone

I tried to gently stroke his chest but he shouted a loud No! I was perplexed but then inside his half-opened shirt I saw a large and dark cellophane-covered patch that covered the whole of his chest. At this point Gerhard came and comforted his brother the best way he could. I asked him about the patch and he whispered that before their escape from Germany, an SS soldier hit Manfred with the butt of his rifle that broke his breastbone. It had not yet totally healed. A few of the bully boys were watching Manfred's ordeal in glee. They jeered at me for being pro-Jew. In exasperation I turned to them and sort of shouted at them about the cause of Manfred's chest injury.

With remorse and fear finally etched on their faces, one by one, they departed until it was only just the three of us huddled together. From that time onwards, no one bullied the Heidemann brothers.

Fortunately, Manfred's chest condition had not worsened.

Mongol pencil No. 1

A few days later I was overjoyed to receive a gift from the Heidemanns—a precious and sought-after Mongol pencil No. 1—a dream pencil of every schoolboy at that time. Since it was made in the US, it cost 15 centavos, an exorbitant price for a pencil for a poor schoolboy like me, since that amount would last me a week of recess allowance.

Enrile pushes amendments to power reform act

By Michael Lim Ubac

BETTER late than never.

Four years after passing the controversial Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (Epira), legislators now want the law amended to reduce the cost of electricity.

Under Senate Bill No. 1929, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile has proposed changes in the Epira law to prevent power generators and distributors from passing on their additional costs due to their own inefficiency, mistakes and questionable onerous contracts to the end-user.

Enrile wants revisions that would "clarify vague and conflicting provisions and afford genuine protection to end-users of electricity in the hope of spurring genuine competition and market access to all industry participants."

He said electric consumers "rightfully deserve a solution that will cut the fat from our electricity bills."

The bill also sought to lower costs by providing "genuine competition and market access" to all industry participants. To protect electricity consumers, Enrile proposed:

- The National Power Corp. and distribution utilities shall be allowed to recover their "stranded contract costs" with independent power producers (IPPs) through the universal charge after a stringent review of these stranded costs.
- Bilateral contracts without open competitive bidding must be subjected to rigid examination to eliminate or minimize the pass-on costs to end-users.
- Stranded contract costs will be collected from customers of the distribution utility concerned in its own franchise territory.
- All rates that would be fixed and determined for the universal charge shall be approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) only after due notice to and public hearing participated in by all parties.

Dennis Roldan's pals may turn state witness

By Alcuin Papa

TWO cohorts of former Quezon City Rep. Dennis Roldan may turn state witness and testify against the ex-actor in the kidnapping of a 3-year-old boy.

Director Robert Delfin, head of police intelligence and Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer), said the possibility of Roldan's accomplices turning state witness was the latest development in the case.

"But we are still studying it," Delfin said without elaborating.

Another officer involved in the investigation of the kidnapping earlier said the testimony of the two would bolster the case against Roldan and Suzette See Wang, his former live-in partner.

The officer said the information provided by the two accomplices was being validated, and their qualifications as state witnesses evaluated.

To qualify, the two should be the least guilty of the crime, the officer said.

Wang, a close friend of the boy's mother, was said to have provided Roldan information on the child's movements.

In a recent TV interview, Wang denied involvement in the kidnapping but admitted to having a relationship with Roldan (Mitchell Gumabao in real life).

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

LEGAL ETHICS—Duty of notary public—Notaries public should be truthful in carrying out their functions. They must observe with the highest degree of care the basic requirements in the performance of their duties in order to preserve the confidence of the public in the integrity of the notarial system. Courts, agencies and the public at large must be able to rely upon the acknowledgment executed by notaries public appended to instruments. Their functions should not be trivialized and they must discharge their powers and duties which are impressed with public interest, with accuracy and fidelity. With the eroding faith of the public in the integrity of public documents, this court will exhort all the more the notaries public to be more circumspect in the discharge of their duties. Indeed, faithful observance and utmost respect of the legal solemnity of the oath in an acknowledgment or jurat is sacrosanct. The act of notarization is invested with substantive public interest such that only those who are qualified or authorized may perform the duties of notaries public. This responsibility is more pronounced when the notary public is a lawyer. A graver responsibility is placed upon him by reason of his solemn oath to obey the laws and to do no falsehood or consent to the doing of any. He is mandated to the sacred duties appertaining to his office, such duties, being dictated by public policy and impressed with public interest. Failing in his duties, he must bear the commensurate consequences. [Citations omitted.] [Resolution, Justice Austria-Martinez, Gokioco vs Mateo, Adm. Case No. 4179, November 11, 2004]

By R. B. Vera

Gov't to review oil deregulation law

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Abigail L. Ho

THE GOVERNMENT will review the nine-year-old law that deregulated the oil industry as prices of fuel products continued to rise.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye cited the position of outgoing Energy Secretary Vince Perez who said he was open to the possibility of reviewing the oil deregulation law following a series of oil price hikes.

"Secretary Perez recently mentioned that he is now open to the possibility of reviewing the oil deregulation law," Bunye said in a dzRH radio interview.

Yesterday at 12:01 a.m., the third largest oil firm Caltex Philippines Inc. jacked up the prices of its gasoline products by 60 centavos a liter, and raised the prices of diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter.

In its announcement issued late Friday evening, the company said the price adjustment was in response to competitive market forces as most local oil firms had announced price hikes earlier that day.

Apart from competition, however, Caltex said the surge in international and regional oil prices also prompted it to hike its prices.

Unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products, which Caltex, as a pure product importer, uses as basis in pricing its products, jumped to a Feb. 1-23 average of $52.97 a barrel from $47.58 a barrel last month.

MOPS-based diesel also surged to a February average of $53:82 a barrel, up by almost $3 a barrel from only $51.26 a barrel in January.

Oil firms Total (Philippines) Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp., Seaoil Petroleum Corp. and Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. also jacked up the prices of their gasoline and diesel by 60 centavos a liter and 50 centavos a liter, respectively.

But oil refiners Petron Corp. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. had yet to adjust their prices despite the price hikes initiated by their competitors.

Independent players Flying V and PTT Philippines Corp. also said they would continue to monitor market conditions before making any price adjustments.

Gasoline prices rose for the first time this year, after oil firms early last month reduced gasoline prices by P1 a liter.

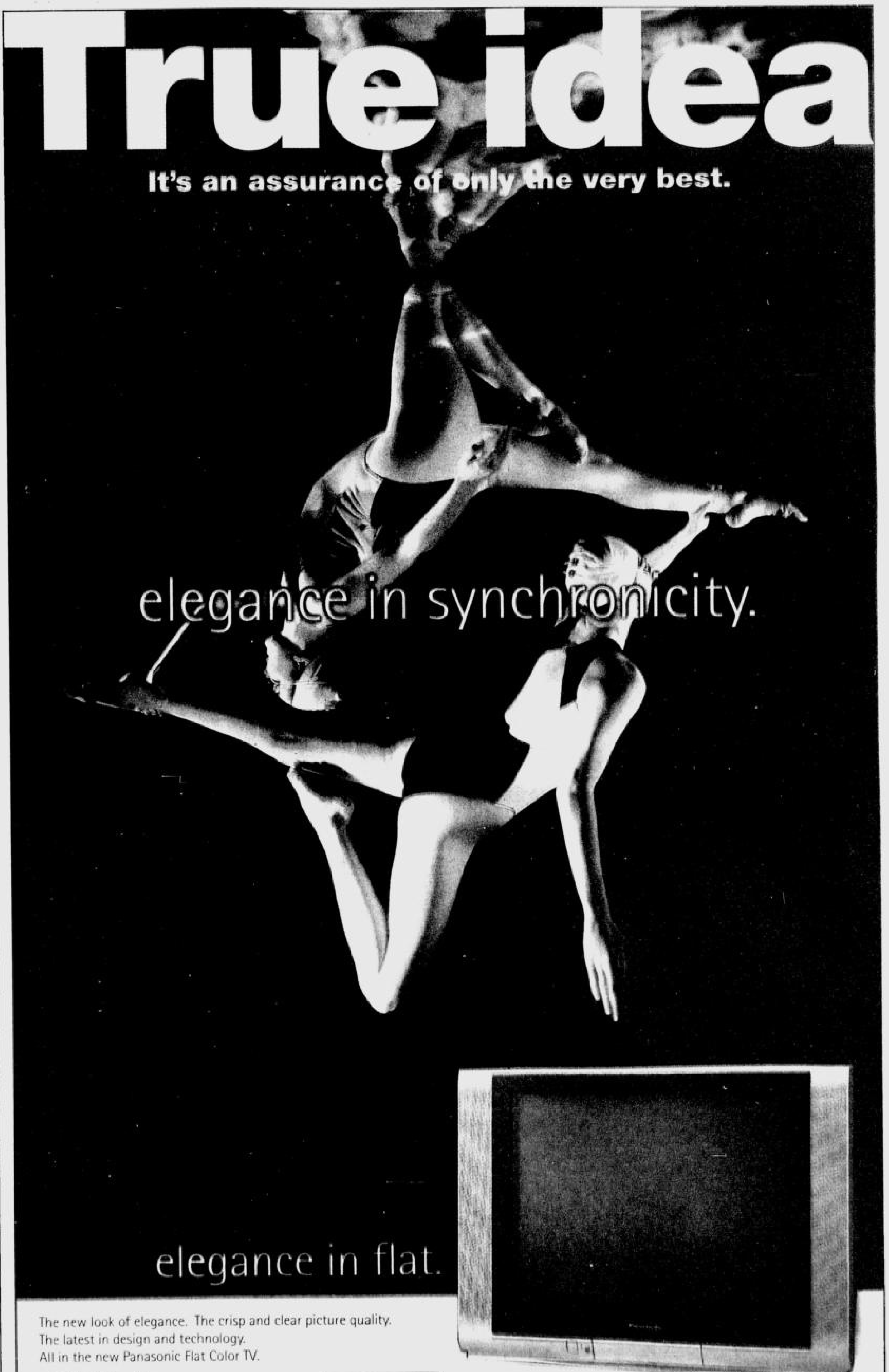
Diesel prices, on the other hand, had gone up twice since the start of the year for a total of 60 centavos a liter.

Perez said consumers should just "exercise their power of choice in light of the recent adjustment in fuel prices (as) several oil firms have not raised prices."

Republic Act 8180, the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1996, was implemented to promote a more competitive market and prices by allowing the entry of "small" oil players to the market monopolized by the so-called Big Three, namely, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum, Caltex Philippines Inc. and Petron Inc.

This paved the way for the removal of the government subsidy to oil prices, called the Oil Price Stabilization Fund, which provided a cushion to oil price increases.

In 1999, a new oil deregulation law (RA 8479) was enacted to pave the way for the full deregulation of the oil industry.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Airlines say they can't meet Naia 3 deadline

By Nikko Dizon

AIRLINE companies will not be able to meet the June 21 scheduled opening of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport's Terminal 3 because of time constraints, according to Leoncio Nakpil, chair of the Airline Operators' Council (AOC).

Nakpil said the airlines would need six months to make the transfer from the old Terminal 1, as they would need this much time to construct their offices and their passenger lounges, and to set up their computer systems, among others.

He said the AOC and the Board of Airline Representatives (BAR) have informed Alfonso Cusi, the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) general manager, by letter that the airlines would not make the deadline.

The AOC represents officials from 29 airline companies and seven ground handlers, while the BAR is made up of airline country managers.

Nakpil said the construction of an airline office is a lot more complicated than that of an ordinary office space, mainly because of the network of computer systems that have to be installed to ensure the airline's smooth operations.

"We are still supporting the Miaa on the opening of the new terminal. The Miaa is bent on opening Naia 3 in June. But it's like opening a door of a house without the door. How can you open an airport without the airlines?" he said.

Nakpil said the six-month lead time that the airlines need would begin upon the signing of the final concessionaire lease contract with the Miaa.

But he said the airline companies have yet to receive a copy of the draft contract despite the announcement that Cusi and Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza made on Feb. 18 that the contracts would be made available that week.

Mendoza earlier said that the Office of the Solicitor General had given the go-signal for the Miaa to issue the airline companies their lease contracts.

The government announced that the controversial airport terminal would open for operation on June 21 after it expropriated the facility from builder Philippine Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) last December.

Legal cases over Naia 3 are pending before the Supreme Court and two international arbitration courts.

The AOC earlier said it would take from three weeks to a month to have a final contract approved.

Nakpil said the draft contract has to go to the airline company's headquarters abroad for review and comments before being sent back to the Philippines. Then the Miaa has to approve and prepare the final revised copy, before the company and the Miaa sign the contract.

AOC members waited last Wednesday for the Miaa to release the draft contracts but were informed by Judith Dolot of the Miaa public affairs office that the draft had been sent to the OSG for review and revisions.

NAIA 3: When will it finally open?

In late January, the AOC expressed apprehension over the rush in the opening of the Naia 3, saying that the tight deadline being given the airline companies could compromise security, safety and the standard of service.

The AOC said the rushed deadline could even expose the airline companies to lawsuits from passengers.

SuperFerry victims' families remember

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE FIRST anniversary today of the SuperFerry 14 bombing will be marked with prayers and flowers as the families of the victims of the tragedy continue to cope with the painful memory and try to gain strength from each other.

Some 15 families are expected to go today to Sisiman Bay in Mariveles, Bataan, where the wreckage of the 10,000-ton ship was towed after it caught fire after an explosion off Corregidor Island.

The ship had since been brought to a Bataan shipyard.

At Sisiman Bay, a Mass will be held aboard the vessel that Coast Guard commandant Vice Admiral Arthur Gosingan will provide to ferry the families to the area.

Bouquets and pictures of the victims will be thrown into the sea, while white balloons will be launched into the air, said Edward Leyco, who lost his 60-year-old mother Leonor in the fire.

"We want the affair to be symbolic," Leyco said.

But the event will be more painful for some than for others, as several families have yet to recover the remains of their loved ones.

Leyco said the relatives of those whose remains could not be found or identified would ask the government to build a shrine so the families would have someplace to go to remember them.

"It was very difficult for the families of the missing to cope with their loss when they do not even have a grave to visit. Last All Soul's Day was very hard on them," he said.

Leyco said it would be fine with the families if the shrine was built in Metro Manila.

Leyco, who hails from Iligan City, was able to recover his mother's remains, but he stayed in touch with the families of the other victims who were mostly from Bacolod and Cagayan de Oro cities and other parts of Mindanao.

According to him, some 50 families had yet to find the remains of their relatives who were passengers of SuperFerry 14.

Leyco said the bones of the unidentified were still being held in a Manila funeral parlor. The families of the missing passengers would also ask authorities to ensure that those remains would not be burned.

"Their relatives died in a fire. It would be doubly painful if their remains would be burned again," he said.

Per the last reported count from the National Bureau of Investigation, 62 fatalities were identified in the incident.

The NBI earlier said a total of 116 passengers were reported missing right after the incident, but SuperFerry 14 management said only 111 people had relatives looking for them.

SuperFerry 14 had just left Manila and was on its way to Bacolod and Cagayan de Oro when it was rocked by an explosion that set it ablaze shortly past midnight last year. At the time, it was carrying over 800 passengers and crew.

The Abu Sayyaf immediately claimed responsibility for the fire, saying it had dispatched a member to plant a bomb on board. It was only months later that the government acknowledged the Abu Sayyaf's responsibility in the incident.

Malverse raps vs mayor upheld

THE SUPREME Court has upheld the filing of malversation charges against a Misamis Occidental mayor for the alleged illegal disbursement of a total of P330,000 from the pork barrel of former Rep. Hilarion Ramiro in 1994.

In a 27-page ruling on Feb. 16, the high court's second division upheld the finding of the Sandiganbayan that there was probable cause to charge Mayor Felix Sarigumba of Tudela, Misamis Occidental, with malversation of public funds. It also upheld the charges of falsification of public documents against Tudela municipal accountants Sherlita Gallego and Emma Dagondon.

Sarigumba had given the pork barrel funds to the town's 33 barangay captains who thought the money was "pahalipay" or a cash gift from Ramiro who had earlier promised to give them P10,000 each from his own pocket as a "personal gift."

Since the barangay captains were not aware that the funds had come from Ramiro's Countrywide Development Fund (CDF), most of them thought that it was up to them how to spend it.

Later, when Sarigumba liquidated the cash disbursements, he claimed that they were expenses for "peace and order" meetings in the barangays.

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Improve students' communication skills, schools urged

By Jerome Aning

LABOR Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas has called on universities and other educational institutions to equip their students with the proper communication skills to facilitate their employment.

Speaking before students, graduates and members of the academe at the 10th anniversary of the University of the Philippines Junior Executive Society at UP Los Baños on Feb. 21, Sto. Tomas said poor communication skills was among the five reasons many graduates failed to get the jobs they desired.

Although many graduates passed written exams with flying colors, she noted that most ended up not getting jobs after failing in the personal interviews or oral tests because of poor communication skills.

Sto. Tomas said students must not only be trained in skills needed in their chosen fields but also on the basic requirements for "employability."

She cited a content analysis on job vacancies posted in the classified ads sections of two major newspapers conducted by the labor department over a two-month period.

The analysis showed that the bulk of personnel requirements were mostly in accountancy and medical-related fields, engineering, and for graduates of vocational, automotive and information technology-related courses.

Sto. Tomas said despite the numerous graduates of such courses, the vacancies were not easily filled due to the applicants' lack of basic requirements for employability.

A survey of 50 employers who used the government's online employment website PhilJobNet for their hiring requirements showed that despite the preliminary matches between a jobseeker and a potential job, most applicants failed to get the job due to five reasons.

First was failure in the exam or interview, followed by poor communication skills and lack of extensive work experience; fourth was the applicant's residence far from the job site, and, fifth, inconsistency of documents and the responses of the applicants during the interview.

Sto. Tomas said the students should have gained these basic requirements such as communication skills while still in school.

Absence of such skills, thus, points to the fact that the current education and training system does not adequately prepare students to get a job or at least to successfully pass job-screening procedures, she said.

She stressed that there was a need to reassess the country's education and training sector so that priority could be given to enhancing the students' readiness to venture into the job market.

Sto. Toam said schools should also link up with the business sector in determining the skills that students must learn in order to meet emerging industry requirements.

Tourism industry may hire displaced Pinoy entertainers

THE PHILIPPINE tourism industry is willing to absorb some of the overseas performing artists (OPAs) who would be displaced by Japan's implementation of new entertainer visa requirements next month.

Philippine Tourism Authority general manager Robert Dean Barbers said OPAs may be employed as tour guides and interpreters for Japanese tourists coming to the country.

Some could also find jobs as cultural performers and entertainers in domestic government-run tourism facilities. Others could be trained to be front desk managers, food and beverage personnel and housekeepers of hotels, resorts and other facilities operated by the PTA, Barbers said.

"Tourism alone cannot accommodate all of the jobless entertainers. But we're willing to absorb some of them so that their skills would not be wasted and they would at least have some means to earn a living," he said.

Japan's new immigration rule requires OPAs to have at least two years' training or experience in their fields. The OPA sector in the country fears the stricter guideline would affect the Philippines' average annual deployment of 80,000 OPAs.

The PTA, an attached agency of the Department of Tourism, implements policies and manages the government's tourism infrastructure. Barbers recently began devolving some of PTA's functions to local governments and privatizing some of the agency's assets and their operations.

Barbers said he would be soon holding talks with the OPA sector to discuss how the displaced performers could be employed in tourism and tourism-related private firms.

Jerome Aning

La Union tutor; 84

AZUCENA Aquino Rilloraza of San Fernando City, La Union, succumbed to pneumonia on Feb. 21 at the age of 84.

She was a public school teacher at the San Fernando Elementary School for nearly 40 years. She graduated from the Philippine Normal School in 1939 at the age of 19 and was one of the first natives of San Fernando to earn an Elementary School Teacher's Certificate. Her first teaching assignment was in the town of Bangar, La Union.

She was married to Godofredo Rilloraza, former mayor of San Fernando and later regional judge in Guimba, Nueva Ecija. They had six children: Jacqueline, Dina, Susan, Carina, Godofredo Jr. and Ruby.

On her retirement, she devoted her time to volunteer work and was active in the association of retired teachers in San Fernando.

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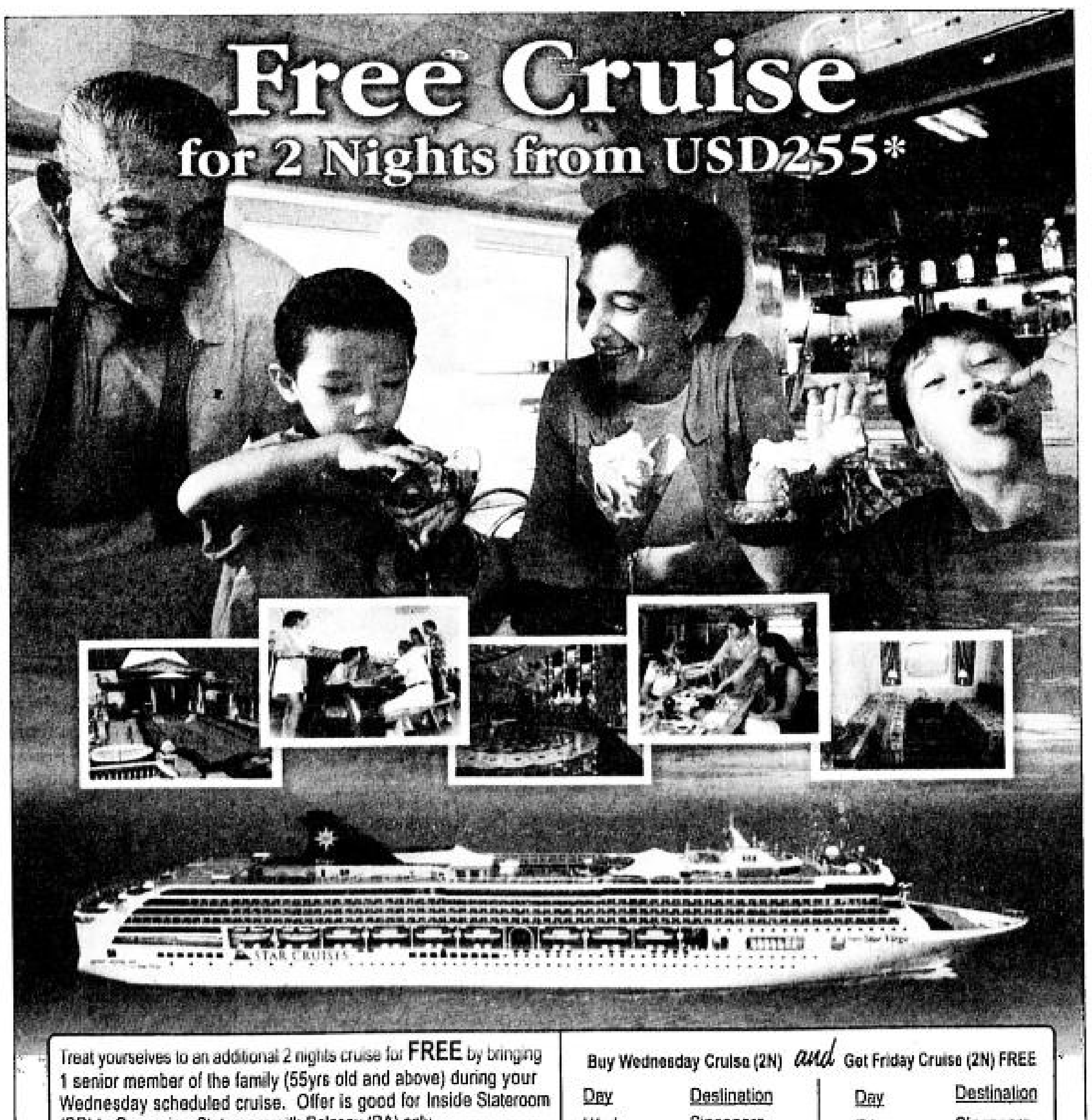

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4 Israelis killed in suicide bombing of Tel Aviv disco

TULKARM, West Bank—Hours after a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, Israeli troops on Saturday launched their biggest raid into the West Bank since agreeing a ceasefire with the Palestinians this month and arrested two brothers.

Villagers in Deir al-Ghoson said soldiers told them the men were brothers of the suspected bomber who killed four Israelis outside a Tel Aviv night club on Friday and were also thought to have been involved.

The Army confirmed the raid but gave no further details.

The bombing shattered a de facto truce by militants that has ensured several weeks of calm and reinforced hopes for peacemaking after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed a ceasefire on Feb 8.

The Palestinian Authority vowed to track down those behind the bombing. Israel said Abbas had to crack down on militants instead of just talking to the factions to try to get them to formalize the ceasefire.

Responsibility for the bombing outside a popular karaoke night spot on Friday remained unclear.

A cell of the militant Islamic Jihad group in the West Bank claimed the attack, but the faction's leadership in the Gaza Strip denied any knowledge and said it would continue to maintain calm.

AN ISRAELI woman in shock is helped at the site of a Palestinian suicide attack in the Israel city of Tel Aviv Feb. 25. AFP

Villagers said at least 15 Israeli Army military vehicles raided Deir al-Ghoson, north of Tulkarm, and imposed a curfew before dawn.

A military source said: "The action is now over and the curfew has been lifted."

The bombing was the first since Nov. 1 and brought scenes of wailing ambulances and spattered blood that many Israelis had begun to believe that they had put behind them.

Sharon was to meet senior security officials on Saturday to discuss the response.

Israeli officials made clear that the Jewish state would "defend itself against terror," but said whatever action was taken would be in line with the ceasefire understanding.

They put the main onus to act on Abbas, who had until now been credited with delivering on his promise of calm.

"The Palestinians have taken some important steps, but they have to complete the job. They cannot rely on agreements with terrorist organizations," said Raanan Gissin, Sharon's spokesperson.

Abbas' government said: "The Palestinian Authority will not be silent about this sabotage and it will pursue whoever stands behind this act and will inflict the required punishment."

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice demanded that Palestinian leaders find those responsible and "send a clear message that terror will not be tolerated."

Washington has stepped up efforts to revive the peace process after Abbas was elected to succeed late President Yasser Arafat with a pledge of non-violence.

Abbas has hoped to win the militants to his ceasefire over rather than use force to rein them in.

"For more than two months there was calm and quiet and the Palestinians enjoyed this as well," said taxi driver Eli Yehezkel amid the debris in Tel Aviv. "Now we are back to checkpoints and a process of bloodletting." *Reuters*

N. Korea ready to return to nuke talks, says China

ASTANA—North Korea is committed to a nuclear-free Korean peninsula and is prepared to resume six-party talks, China's foreign minister said Friday as South Korea's president called for calm amid heightened nuclear tensions.

"I believe the conditions are there for continuing the negotiations," Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said following talks in the capital of Kazakhstan with his counterparts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

The regional forum also comprises Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Chinese President Hu Jintao had recently transmitted a message to the North Korean leadership stressing the need for nuclear-free status, security and peace on the Korean peninsula and calling on Pyongyang to return to the six-party talks as soon as possible, Li said.

"In its response," North Korea "said it fully accepts that the Korean peninsula must be free of nuclear weapons and is ready to take part in the six-party talks," he added.

North Korea participated in three inconclusive rounds of nuclear crisis talks already with South Korea, Russia, the United States, China and Japan, but boycotted a fourth round in September, citing US "hostilities."

Pyongyang announced earlier this month that it possessed nuclear weapons and was withdrawing from the negotiations indefinitely, a move many experts played down as a routine negotiating tactic. Prospects for a fourth round brightened after North Korean leader Kim Jong-il indicated on Tuesday this week that he could return to talks if the conditions were right.

Kim's statement followed a four-day visit by senior Chinese Communist Party official Wang Jiaru to Pyongyang which concluded Tuesday, with Beijing also announcing afterwards that North Korea was in fact ready to talk.

The United States, however, voiced skepticism, with a state department spokesperson saying that "all of these statements" about North Korea's willingness to return to the negotiating table "don't amount to them showing up."

In his first public response to the North Korean announcement it was pulling out of the talks, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun called Friday for calm.

He admitted that he was facing an "unexpected situation" but said South Korea would stick to its principle of resolving the 28-month-old standoff over North Korea's nuclear program peacefully through dialogue. *AFP*

PEOPLE pray under the Pope John Paul II monument at the Jasna Gora monastery in Czestochowa, Poland, Feb. 25. AP

Pope's suffering viewed as key message for world

By Victor L. Simpson

VATICAN CITY—Young and vigorous when he assumed the papacy, Pope John Paul II has been a picture of pain and suffering in recent years, a bent figure with trembling hands and quavering voice.

Yet the 84-year-old Pontiff appears intent on playing out his agony for all the world to see—sending a message of dignity, courage and acceptance of the trials of life.

As the Pope was rushed to the hospital Thursday for the second time in three weeks with breathing problems, the Vatican newspaper suggested he was sharing in Christ's suffering and said "the bed of pain" has become "the cathedral of life."

Vatican Cardinal Renato Martino called it "a real example of how to accept human suffering."

It is a message that top aides have been making as a pope once called "God's athlete" has steadily deteriorated physically over the past decade, burdened by Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments.

Some question, however, how long a pope who once skied and hiked can guide the 1 billion Catholic faithful when his voice is silenced and he can no longer walk.

The Pope's frailties have been watched by the world and several images stand out.

During a pilgrimage to the French shrine at Lourdes in August he trembled and asked an aide to help him, calling out in his native Polish. Already during a 1999 trip to the former Soviet republic of Georgia, cardinals formed a buffer to shield the shaking pontiff from the wind.

"It is a representative image, rather beautiful, of what is solidarity in the Church," Vatican Radio said at that time.

The power of suffering may be alien to many, but the concept was the core of Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ," a box office success around the world. The film was endorsed by several top Vatican cardinals and was viewed by John Paul, although the Vatican denied he had expressed his approval.

The Pope's views on illness and suffering have another side to them, as he pointed out in his recent message written for Lent that included a forceful condemnation of euthanasia.

"What would happen if the people of God yielded to a certain current mentality that considers these people, our brothers and sisters, as almost useless when they are reduced in their capacities due to the difficulties of age or sickness," the pope said.

The commandment "Thou shalt not kill," he said, "applies even in the presence of illness and when physical weakness reduces the person's ability to be self-reliant."

For papal biographer George Wiegel, the Pope's suffering is a reminder that "especially in the West, we live in a world in which we think the old and the suffering are disposable."

"The Pope is saying there are no disposable people. That is a very important message for the whole world, not just for Christians," he said.

Inevitably, the Pope's physical decline raises questions about how long he can steer the church, particularly as his speech deteriorates.

The much-traveled John Paul has already been cutting back on his foreign trips, with only an August pilgrimage to a Catholic youth festival in Germany on the schedule this year. While keeping up with his audiences, even during his recent convalescence, he has been leaving more and more of Vatican business to aides.

When John Paul faltered at Lourdes, Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels found it an "extremely moving" moment but also said he found the pope "seriously weakened."

But Cardinal Javier Lozano Jose Barragan, a Mexican based at the Vatican, said it was enough for the Pope to express himself in writing if he can't talk.

"For important decisions regarding serious problems and aspects of the Church, which have to be taken daily, it is important for him to express himself and even if he cannot speak he can write," he said. *AP*

French finance minister quits over flat scandal

PARIS—French Finance Minister Herve Gaymard resigned on Friday over a scandal about his state-paid luxury apartment that rocked the conservative government as it forces unpopular cost-cutting measures on a restive nation.

French President Jacques Chirac named France Telecom chief Thierry Breton as his replacement, leaving a question mark over who would take over the leadership of the telecoms company.

"I have decided to hand to the prime minister my resignation as minister of economy, finance and industry," Gaymard said in a statement.

"I am aware of having made blunders and a serious error of judgment concerning the conditions of my official accommodation."

The move came less than five hours before Gaymard was to go on national television to explain why he, his wife and eight children had moved into a vast 14,000-euro ($18,500) a month apartment paid for by the cash-strapped state.

French ministers are entitled to official accommodation but the price of his apartment, even for central Paris, was deemed unacceptably extravagant by many critics once it was known.

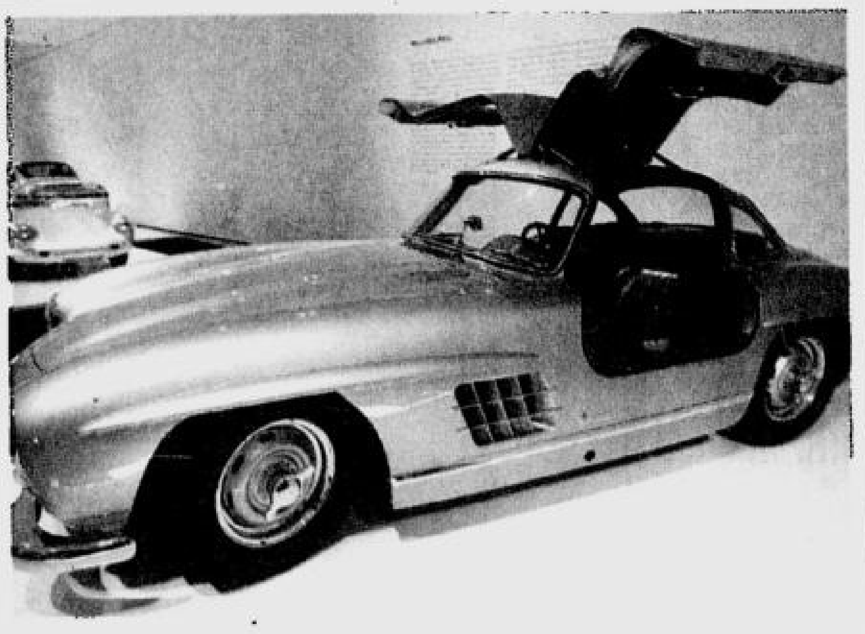
The monthly rent on Gaymard's flat is roughly equivalent to the annual minimum wage for a worker in France.

Gaymard, 44, had denied any wrongdoing but quit the 600 sq. m. split-level home in a chic Paris district at the center of the scandal that erupted last week.

The extra costs of converting the flat to his family's needs dismayed public and politicians alike. His pledge to reimburse the cost failed to abate the sense of shock.

Gaymard's situation was aggravated by his accounts of the status of his property portfolio and personal finances, prompting Raffarin to give him until the end of the week to end a controversy that was harming an already unpopular government.

His fate appears to have been sealed by a report that he owned five homes, including another large flat in central Paris, coming at the same time as a glossy society magazine quoted him as saying "I'm not loaded" and that the row would not have erupted if he had had the money to buy his own apartment. *Reuters*



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UN fears its peacekeepers commit sex abuse worldwide

WASHINGTON—UN officials fear the sex-abuse scandal among peacekeepers in Africa is far more widespread and appears to be a problem in each of the global body's 16 missions around the world.

As the world body seeks to crack down on the abuse, it could bar countries from participating in missions if they fail to prosecute offenders, even though the UN is hard-pressed to find contributing nations, the officials said on Friday.

Rocked by widespread abuse of women and girls, including gang rape, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations also has found sexual exploitation cases in at least four other missions—in Burundi, Liberia, Ivory Coast—as well as more recently in Haiti, they added.

"We think this will look worse before it begins to look better," Jane Holl Lute, assistant secretary general for peacekeeping operations, told reporters. "We expect that more information will come from every mission on allegations. We are prepared for that."

The undersecretary general for peacekeeping, Jean-Marie Guehenno, said that up to now the UN had avoided identifying countries that were slow to court-martial their troops but that he had demanded action within weeks in some cases.

"They are aware of a very direct threat which is that if they don't get their act together, we are going to tell them to get out of their mission," Guehenno said, referring to all of the peacekeeping missions and not just the Congo.

There are nearly 11,000 military personnel in the Congo to help keep the peace after a civil war. The force is the largest among the more than 60,000 soldiers in UN peacekeeping operations around the world.

The United States, whose support is essential for peacekeeping missions, said it shared the UN's fears and wanted the world body to make preventing further abuses a priority. *Reuters*

4 US soldiers, 13 Iraqis killed; British soldiers jailed for abuse

BAGHDAD—Four US soldiers and 13 Iraqis were killed in central Iraq, as while three British soldiers were jailed in Germany for abusing Iraqi civilians.

Meanwhile, a US general ruled out a timeline for a full transfer of security to Iraqi security, while Iraq's leading Shiite political coalition announced it had established a committee to start talks on forming the next government.

As Iraqi political leaders maneuvered for power, the insurgency that has plagued Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003 raged on.

In the Sunni Arab rebel province of Al-Anbar, a US Marine was killed Friday, the military announced Saturday, without giving details.

The death raised to 1,483 the number of US servicemen killed in attacks or accidents in Iraq since the start of the invasion in March 2003, according to Pentagon figures.

It came as US forces moved onto a sixth day of what they call Operation River Blitz aimed at increasing security throughout western Al-Anbar province.

The military said it had arrested 51 people Friday and 155 since the operation kicked off.

Three other US soldiers were killed and nine wounded Friday when troops were hit by a roadside bomb while on patrol near Tarmiya, the military said.

But in a possible security breakthrough, Iraq's government said a senior aide to al-Qaida frontman Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had been arrested, along with a man who had acted as his driver.

"Security forces in Iraq conducted a raid in Anah (in western Iraq) on Feb. 20 resulting in the capture of Talib Mikhlif Arsan Walman al-Dulaimi, aka Abu Qutaybah, a trusted lieutenant of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi," it said.

He arranged safe houses and transportation for the Zarqawi network as well as passing packages and funds to Zarqawi himself, a statement said.

In addition to the attacks on US forces, two members of the Iraqi security forces, seven civilians and four insurgents had been killed since Thursday, security sources said.

Meanwhile, insurgents also continued their assaults on Iraq's strategic infrastructure. A pipeline in the oil-rich northern region of Kirkuk was blown up Friday night, said Ali Abdullah, an oil official from the Northern Oil Co.

In Germany, three British soldiers were jailed for abusing Iraqi civilians and were dishonorably discharged from the Army in a case that has drawn comparisons with US mistreatment of prisoners at the infamous Abu Ghraib prison.

Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, 33, was jailed for 18 months after being found guilty of three charges.

Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley, 25, was jailed for two years for disgraceful and cruel conduct for driving a forklift truck with a bound Iraqi suspended from the prongs. *AFP*

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A Thai traditional dancer performs at the Erawan Shrine Feb. 26, in Bangkok, Thailand. The site, which is dedicated to the Hindu god of creation, is popular with tourists. Worshipers in the thousands come daily to the shrine to offer prayers. AP

North American Anglicans defend gay policies

OTTAWA—The North American branches of the Anglican Church showed few immediate signs on Friday of submitting to an attempt by the worldwide communion to crack down on ordaining gay bishops and blessing same-sex unions.

Anglican church leaders meeting in Northern Ireland decided late on Thursday to ask the Episcopal Church USA and the Anglican Church of Canada to voluntarily withdraw from its decision-making Anglican Consultative Council and for a moratorium on same-sex blessings and gay bishop ordinations.

The two churches said they would examine the request to withdraw but refused to commit to it right away. And they defended their policies that had triggered the controversies.

"The Episcopal Church has sought to act with integrity," Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold said in a statement from the meeting. His denomination had touched off a firestorm to allow the ordination of openly gay Gene Robinson as bishop, and his statement gave no suggestion of a ban on future ordinations.

At least two dioceses said they would continue to authorize the blessings of same-sex unions for now, despite the request for a moratorium.

The diocese of North Carolina—one of seven US dioceses with written policies on same-sex blessings—said it would maintain its practice for now.

"The current policy will continue until this issue makes its way through the discussion process now under way," spokesperson Kaye Lasater Culp said.

The British Columbian diocese of New Westminster, which started same-sex blessings in 2002, also said it would not stop at least until a synod meeting studies it again in May.

"The blessings continue at least till the synod," diocesan spokesperson Neale Adams said.

The primate of the Canadian church, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison said he would maintain his past recommendation of a moratorium but said he personally favored such blessings. He said New Westminster had been acting within its rights and done it to advance justice.

"Unity at a price of justice is not a price they have been prepared to pay," he said.

A conservative wing of the Episcopal Church, however, rejoiced in the moves from the Northern Ireland meeting, the result of muscle-flexing by traditional churches like in Africa and Latin America.

"The clarity with which the primates have spoken is breath-taking," said Pittsburgh Bishop Robert Duncan of the Anglican Communion Network. "The authority of Scripture is upheld."

There is now a question over whether the worldwide Anglican Church will stay as one, though three years appear to have been bought until the once-a-decade Lambeth Conference in Britain in 2008.

"What this has done is brought us back from the brink," Canadian Archbishop Hutchison said by telephone. *Reuters*

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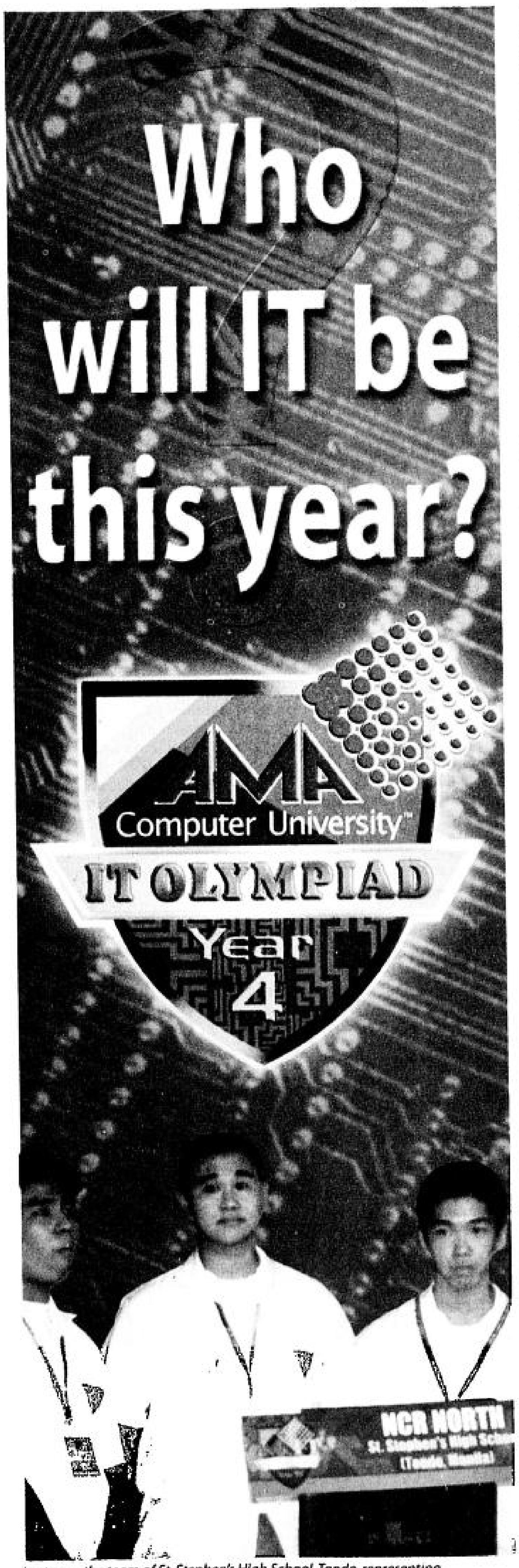

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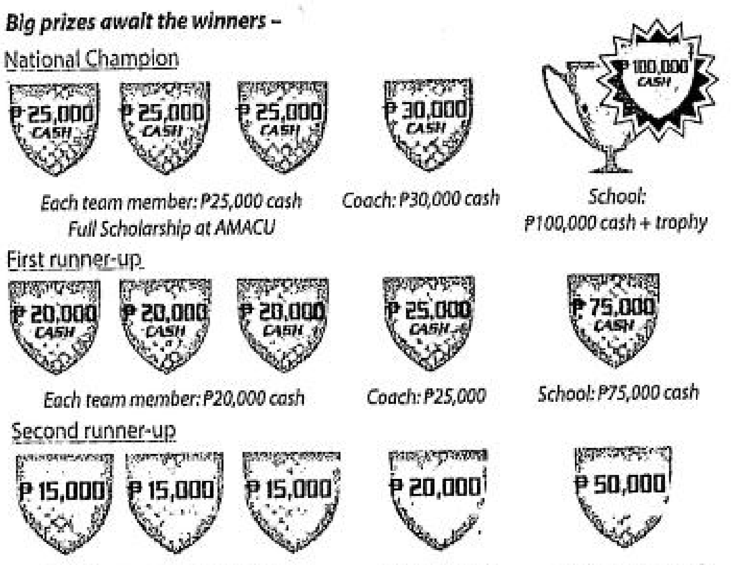

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EDITORIAL

AT A TIME when so many doctors are taking up nursing so they can find employment overseas, Christopher and Maria Victoria Bernido would probably strike a lot of people as an odd couple. After going to the United States to earn their doctorate in physics, they came home. And they came back not to the University of the Philippines where they used to teach, but to their native Jagna in Bohol where Chris' grandfather had founded a small high school.

Even more amazing is what the Bernidos have done to their school and to their students in the relatively short time since they took over the school less than a decade ago. It's not so much that their neck of the woods has seen international conferences at which Nobel laureates in physics delivered lectures, although that is a rarity even in Metropolitan Manila. It is not even that they are helping institutions in the south improve their science teaching and research capabilities by conducting training sessions and seminars. The most wonderful thing they have done is make their students really learn and appreciate Math and Science.

One good measure of how far they have come is that four of their graduates qualified for admission to the University of the Philippines in the 2002 exams and five in 2003, while no one had passed in previous decades. Moreover, visiting educators have marveled at the quality of the work the students produce as shown in the folios of activity sheets they put together, including examination papers, exercise sheets and laboratory reports.

How the students get to imbibe so much of their lessons is the product of a method unique in the Philippine setting. The emphasis is on "learning by doing" instead of the traditional "learning by listening," as Raul Fabella, Cristina Fabella and Vigile Marie Fabella observed in their contribution to "Talk of the Town" in last Sunday's INQUIRER. Thus, lectures on a certain subject are limited to 20 minutes, while the rest of the period is given to the discussion of concepts among the students themselves, solving problems and doing exercises, and conferring with the teacher when the going gets tough. "The basic behavioral premise is that if you create an environment that rewards inquiry and reflection, students will follow the cue," the Fabellas noted.

Studying at the Central Visayas Institute Foundation is less of a burden to its students than in many other private schools. For one thing, the annual matriculation fee, which covers everything, is only P3,700. And since the system requires that their "homework" be done right in school, students have more time, if called for, to help their parents, mostly farmers, with the real work of earning a living.

The next amazing thing about the Bernidos' grand experiment is that they have accomplished so much with so little. Their school squats on property it doesn't own. With the school fees kept low, sometimes the school has difficulty meeting the payroll. Whether it is for economic or other reasons, lectures are conducted "seminar style" with all the students taking a particular subject in attendance.

What the Bernidos have going in their school perhaps offers what could be the best hope of reversing the downward spiral in the quality of Philippine education. They have shown that being among the bottom-dwellers in international proficiency tests in Science and Math, the two areas in which our Asian neighbors excel, need not be a permanent condition. They have shown that lack of resources, be it classrooms, teachers or physical facilities, doesn't condemn anyone to the lowest rung in terms of academic performance. But more than anything else, they have taught us, especially our education policymakers and officials, that the only limits to learning and imparting learning are those set by our imagination or the lack of it.

Greatest threat

FOREIGN COMMENT

WHAT is the greatest threat to the world? Terror networks or climate change and poverty?

Worldwatch Institute thinks the answer is clear. Climate change threatens our life form, or at least results in major changes in population patterns and economies. Poverty and disease undermine society and development. It is not hard to agree with this analysis.

Just the same, the analysis seems somewhat oversimplified, placing an artificial division between fighting terrorism and fighting climate change and poverty.

The al-Qaida network did not emerge because of poverty, even though lack of development and oppression provides fertile ground for fanaticism and terrorism. Good government based on democratic values is a precondition for solving these big problems. It is also a precondition for reducing the terror threat.

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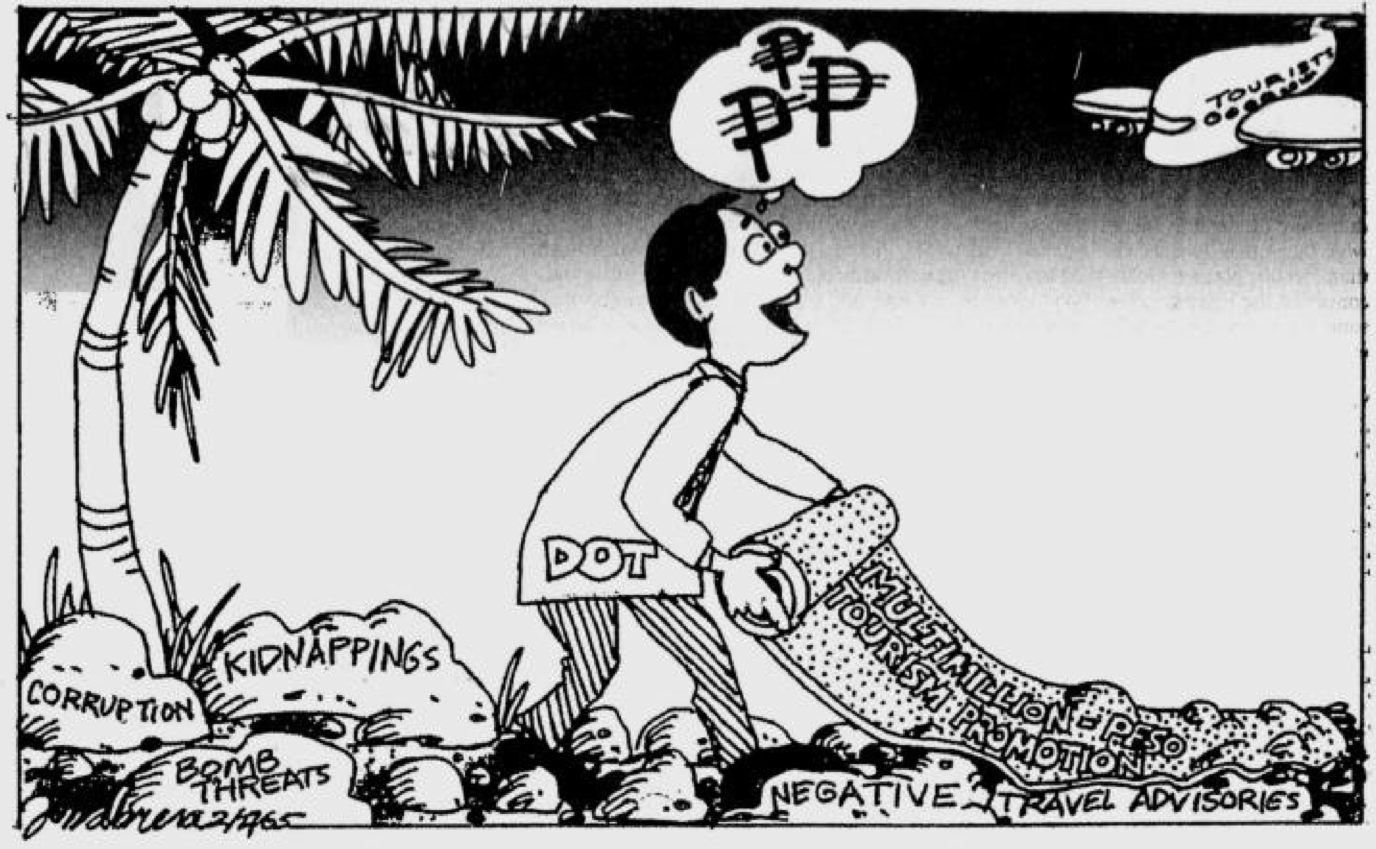
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The plodding administration of justice

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE is another disturbing report, again from Justice Artemio V. Panganiban of the Supreme Court, this time about delay in the administration of justice in this country. He says that there are some 800,000 cases now pending in the lower courts, for which he gives a number of reasons, some of them excuses. He adds that the problem applies as well to the high tribunal, which is itself no paragon of speedy justice. (The comments are mine.)

The Constitution of 1987 prescribes obligatory periods for decision of cases by the various levels of our judiciary, 24 months for the Supreme Court and, unless reduced by it, 12 months for all lower collegiate courts like the Court of Appeals and 3 months for all other lower courts like the regional trial courts and the city and municipal courts (plus the Sandiganbayan).

The Constitution of 1973 also laid down non-extendible periods for the decision of cases by the different courts then, but the Supreme Court practically rendered them useless by holding that they were merely directory, being only procedural in nature. That ruling has been nullified by the present charter, which describes such new periods as "mandatory."

Additionally, Sec. 16 of the Bill of Rights provides that "all persons shall have the right to the speedy disposition of their cases before judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies." And Sec. 14 guarantees to all persons facing criminal prosecution the right to a speedy trial, which is defined as "one free from vexatious, capricious and oppressive delays."

Panganiban says that one-third of the trial courts are vacant, owing mostly to the lack of incentives to practicing lawyers to join the judiciary. The most effective deterrent is the small pay of the judges of such courts compared to the average earnings of most practitioners. One consequence is that some of these low-paid judges increase their income through corruption. Another is incompetence or, as they say in basketball, those who cannot play go to the bench.

It is noteworthy, though, that there still is a considerable number of applicants before the Judicial and Bar Council but not for the courts in the less peaceful areas. In some places, particularly in Mindanao, people prefer to settle their disputes by themselves rather than in the trial courts, which remain idle or vacant. Appointment to these courts is considered hazardous and even life-threatening.

In the Supreme Court itself, according to Panganiban, there are no less than 6,000 pending cases to be eventually decided by its 15 members. Eventually may be forever. There are many ways of delaying a case, as Erap's lawyers are demonstrating and Lucio Tan too. The cases against the Marcoses are still slumbering comfortably in dreamland despite public agitation to awaken them.

Only recently, I received a plaintive appeal for my help from the International School Alliance of Educators which was sustained by the Supreme Court in its petition for equal pay for equal work as the foreign-hire faculty. That landmark decision was rendered on June 1, 2000, and became final and executory on Dec. 12, 2000. To date, it has yet to be implemented because of various efforts of the respondent International School Manila to invalidate it.

ISAE president Raquel David-Ching complains not without reason:

"It has been 10 long years (1995-2005) since Filipino teachers at IS Manila took their case to the courts to achieve equal treatment of Filipinos in their own land. The Supreme Court made a landmark decision on June 2000 and this doctrinal ruling has long since been looked to by countless law students as 'the authoritative principle of law that exemplifies the Supreme Court's adherence to the ideals of social justice.' However, it remains merely an empty bag of words bereft of real meaning when we, the petitioners-teachers-victims continue to be denied real-life justice in accordance with the ruling."

The International School case is only one of the many other cases waiting to be definitely resolved by the Supreme Court. Perhaps it might adopt more effective ways of dealing with them, including a less permissive attitude toward the dilatory tactics of some lawyers, not excluding the big law firms.

As members of the reorganized Supreme Court after Edsa I, we were confronted by as many as 8,000 cases left undecided by our predecessors. We met *en banc* twice a week and worked overtime even on week-ends at home to reduce that number, which even increased with the restored faith of the people in the new judiciary. As his retirement approached, Chief Justice Claudio Teehankee suggested that the best birthday gift we could offer him was to increase our productivity. We delivered.

I hope the present Supreme Court will do likewise, and without waiting for Chief Justice Davide's retirement in December. It now meets *en banc* only once a week, presumably because its caseload is lighter than ours. With its improved emoluments and comparatively reduced work, it can redouble its output and make the speedy administration of justice in this country a more approachable goal.

Crossing over

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a woman who returned a pair of eyeglasses which she had bought for her husband. When asked by the optometrist why, she replied: "Those eyeglasses are okay, but he's still not seeing things my way."

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In today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman (Jn. 4, 5-42), we see the value of dialogue and crossing over.

Initially, the Samaritan woman was proud and close-minded. What made the meeting of minds and hearts possible was the willingness of both parties to reach out and cross over barriers of culture, class and religion. If we cover and don't cross over, we may soon find ourselves isolated, cut off, and even at odds with one another.

Instead of building walls, we must be busy building bridges toward one another. Walls divide. Bridges connect. Are you a wall builder or a bridge builder?

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The reason why we do not dialogue is the fear of "*daya*" and "*lugi*" (Fear of being cheated and shortchanged). It is definitely easier to just expect and force people to see it our way. Why dialogue when you can monologue? Why listen when you can dictate? Why consult when you can just enforce? The answer to all these questions is that none of us can claim to have a monopoly of the truth.

The other reason why we do not dialogue is that we do not have the patience (as Jesus had) to let things unfold. Dialogue may be a slow and tedious journey, but it will bring us to the truth, and not just to half-truths which often are "my truth."

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The proud run over people, while the humble cross over to people. Humility is the key. We must be open and ready to leave our familiar and comfortable shores and reach out into far and unfamiliar shores in our search for the truth. Jesus reminds us today that we must always be on the lookout for any possible broadening of horizons at any moment of our lives. When we stop questioning and no longer allow ourselves to be questioned by life itself, then we cease to be allies and disciples of the truth.

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Someone once said that the business of preaching is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable.

When we find ourselves comforting those who are comfortable and disturbing those who are already disturbed, that means that we have ceased to become prophets. When we no longer do our role of challenging people to go beyond their comfort zones, when we no longer offer a vision to give hope and deeper meaning, then we have failed in our role to help people cross over their miseries and fears.

And if we are not prophets, what are we but perpetuators of untruthfulness; partners and accomplices of injustices; agents of status quo; palliatives and worse, plain court jesters and entertainers. Prophets for profit.

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When tempted to become closed and comfortable, be reminded of the lines of a song in the '70s. "Hey, have you ever tried, really reaching out to the other side." As long as we are alive, we must keep on trying. And we must never forget that there is the other side.

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We all have our "crossing over moments" in life. Looking back, those were painful moments that might have involved sacrifice. But if we did not do them, things would have been pretty much the same. "No pain, no gain," "no guts, no glory"—all these remind us that we have to move on, for life is a journey. At the end of our lives, may we not be burdened by a garbage can so full of "maybes," "what ifs" and "could-have-beens."

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By the way, people can get killed (literally in the Philippines) while crossing over to the other side. There is the element of "dying to oneself" when we cross over with respect, understanding, compassion, love and dialogue. We must not let fear stifle us, or keep us apart.

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There is a story about a little boy who told his grandfather: "Grandpa, I'm so inspired that up to now, you still call grandma 'honey' or 'sweetheart.'"

Upon hearing this, the grandfather whispered to the grandson: "Don't tell this to grandma, OK? You see, I've forgotten her name!" As we go on and grow, may we never forget our being pilgrims in this world, the constant call of the other side and the challenge to cross over. Let not the comforts of life blind us, or our attachments bind us. Don't forget: Pilgrim is your name, heaven is your aim; love is your ticket, crossing over will help you make it.

During this Lenten season, may we all practice crossing over to people and dying to ourselves

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, teach me to cross over to, and not to run over people. Amen

Who will be the next PNP chief?

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ONLY in the Philippines department. In connection with an earlier column on Japanese atrocities during the battle for the liberation of Manila in February 1945, one of our readers, James Litton, gripes that the town of Mabalacat in Pampanga has a bronze monument of a Japanese kamikaze pilot erected along the main highway of the town. For the younger generations not too familiar with the term, "*kamikaze*" literally means "god" (*kami*) and "wind" (*kaze*). In 1274 and 1281, Mongol emperor Kublai Khan led an invasion force across the Sea of Japan. His forces were far superior to Japan's, but on both occasions the attacks were repelled with the help of the kamikaze/god winds in the form of deadly and devastating typhoons which sunk the Mongol fleets and drowned more than 150,000 of their soldiers. These two incidents convinced the Japanese that their country enjoyed some sort of spiritual protection, particularly from foreign invaders.

During the last stages of the Pacific conflict in World War II, Japanese pilots (*kamikazes*) flew their planes straight into US warships in a futile, last ditch attempt to thwart the invasion of the Japanese mainland. Perhaps, the town officials of Mabalacat could share with us some interesting explanation for honoring the kamikaze pilot. I am not aware of any other country in the region which has accorded the kamikaze pilots the same honor.

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Last Thursday, in ceremonies in Malacañang Palace, Gen. Efren Abu, AFP chief of staff finally got his fourth star while his classmate, Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga, Army commander, got his third. Both belong to PMA Class of 1972, the class which graduated just a few months before the declaration of martial law. The President took the occasion to announce that she will no longer observe the "revolving door" policy which she practiced in the past, resulting in the appointment of several AFP chiefs serving short periods of three to six months. The "revolving door" policy only benefited individuals while the organization suffered from instability and a lack of direction and control.

Given her announcement that she was not extending the appointment of PNP chief Director General Edgar Aglipay and that she was dispensing with any more short term extensions on the eve of retirement dates, this practically knocks out all the PMA Class of 1971 candidates for PNP chief. This list includes Deputy Directors General Reynaldo Velasco, Ricardo de Leon, Virtus Gil and Director Rolando Garcia.

Next in line is Director Arturo Lomibao, PMA Class of 1972. Art has more than a year to go before retirement in July 2006 and has the backing of well-known administration officials. I believe the President has set her mind on him. Note that the AFP chief, the Army and Navy commanders all belong to PMA Class of 1972.

Some people have suggested the idea of deep selection going for someone like Director Avelino "Sonny" Razon, PMA Class of 1974. In a way, Razon represents the wave of the future.

During the interview, the term "lame duck" was somehow raised. If I am not mistaken, Aglipay became a lame duck when it was announced last September that as PNP chief, he was being extended for only six months.

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This brings me once again to the issue of a fixed term for the AFP chief and the service commanders (Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs). Last Friday, I had the opportunity to talk with Sen. Rodolfo "Pong" Biazon, chair of the Senate defense committee. A few months back, he filed a bill calling for a fixed term of office for the AFP chief and the service commanders. Apparently, there seems to be more of a consensus on a fixed tour for the AFP chief but not for the service commanders, since the Constitution actually mentions a tour of duty for the chief of staff not exceeding three years. (Article XVI, Section 5) The term of current AFP chief Gen. Efren Abu ends in a few months. It would be to the benefit of the institution if this leadership issue is resolved soonest. Another subject of our conversation with Biazon had to do with the fighting in Sulu. He was firm in his belief that leniency in dealing with Nur Misuari should not be one of the considerations in bringing about peaceful resolution of the conflict.

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We have 1,084 new doctors. The question is how many will move on to nursing or caregiving? The thing which surprises me, however, is that unlike the bar exams, the list of new doctors does not identify their schools or who finished in the top 10. Maybe, other papers carried the information. Perhaps this is the way it should be done.

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In the light of so much negative news and criticisms in media, perhaps, we ought to keep in mind what President Theodore Roosevelt once said:

"No greater harm can be done to the body politic than by those men who, through reckless and indiscriminate accusation of good men and bad men, honest men and dishonest men alike, finally so hopelessly puzzle the public that they do not believe any man in public life is entirely straight; while on the other hand, they lose indignation against the man who really is crooked."

A man in the news

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

EARLIER this week, there was a "breaking news" item on a TV newscast: a news crew, passing by Commonwealth Avenue, came upon a car which had overturned on the overpass and had burst into flames.

Though a crowd of bystanders that had quickly gathered round the burning car saw someone inside, no one dared to go near it for fear that the car would explode anytime. Firemen arrived shortly and after putting out the flames, they were able to pull out the victim. But it was too late by then. The driver, who was alone in the car, was dead.

I remember pleading silently to the TV that the burned corpse not be shown. Indeed, all that was aired of the poor driver was a view of his soles. But even then it was a disturbing sight as the rubber soles of the victim's shoes appeared to have partially melted.

The report carried the accident fatality's name, but it didn't strike a chord. About the most significant detail I remember was that he was just a year older than me.

But funny (well, not really) how a news item, the like of which would be given in the past only a passing attention and a twinge of sympathy for the dead man's family, is suddenly imbued with significance when a personal connection is made.

The fatality, Venito Atienza, it turned out, was the husband of a distant cousin, Mila Labayen-Atienza. Mila is not just a distant relative, she's a friend from childhood. Since the Labayen house in Cubao was just a street away from ours, and Mila and her sister Maying were roughly the same age as us, my sister Chona and I would either walk the short distance to their home in the company of our *yaya*, or they would come to our home and there join us in our pretended "grown-up" games.

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PERHAPS our Mama and our Tita Nora Labayen found it amusing that their daughters would develop a fast friendship in the footsteps of their own durable relationship: they were chums from childhood.

The Labayens, in fact, are very much part of the warp and woof of our family fabric: it was Tito Ben Labayen who was responsible for introducing my father to my mother. Tito Ben and Tita Nora married at about the same time as my parents, and had the same number of children. So it was inevitable that friendships between the Jimenez and Labayen children would blossom through our childhood.

Some years back, I heard that Mila, who was by then a vice president of a local bank, had emigrated to the United States with her family. Ven, though, had been assigned to Peru by Path, an international development NGO, though he had applied for a transfer to New York after his Peru stint was over.

According to their eldest child who had stayed behind in Manila to finish her medical studies, Ven had flown in from Peru for a week-long visit—mainly to attend his high school reunion and also to visit his family. Since Mila was expected to arrive from the United States only late Friday night, the wake at the Filinvest Chapel was overseen by the Atienza and Labayen families as well as by the daughter's classmates at UP Medicine. I'm glad my siblings and I came as a delegation, for in a way it revived the ties between our families, which we once thought had frayed due to distance and time.

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MY personal condolences also to the family of the late Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena, who passed away Friday evening.

Shortly after being diagnosed with brain cancer, Garchitorena was confined at the Makati Medical Center for five weeks, weakened by radiation treatments and chemotherapy. According to his wife Vicky, Garchitorena had displayed no outward symptoms before his hospitalization. The only indicator that something was bothering him, Vicky said, was some disorientation (he would drive around in circles, unable to find the village's exit) and slurring of his speech.

I had a soft spot for Francis Garchitorena, whom I first met at one of the numerous rallies against the Marcos dictatorship in the early 1980s. When he found out I was a journalist on the side of truth—meaning, with the alternative press—he regaled me with wild jokes and outrageous rumors. I left the rally, wondering who this garrulous *mestizo* was.

I wasn't at all surprised when he was given a post in the anti-graft court, for Garchitorena struck me with the zeal he displayed to right the wrongs of the Marcos regime.

After retiring from the Sandiganbayan, Garchitorena found a new calling by joining the ranks of columnists, writing for Today. Even as a social commentator, he managed to keep his trademark acerbic wit and sarcasm. He seemed pleased when I told him I looked forward to reading his pieces. As a friend and a reader of his columns, I will miss the man.

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"THE JOB of nation-building begins with me... and it begins today." This is the motto of a group of women who wish to promote national unity and love of country. As they proclaim: "...for our sake, let us unite, let us build up our people. For a country is not made up of roads, bridges and structures but a country is made up of people. Lack of faith, lack of hope and lack of purpose destroy a people. But as we build up our people, we build a nation."

For now, the main vehicle through which the women hope to spread the gospel of national unity and common purpose is through the sale of pins that declare "Mahal Ko Bayan Ko." Aside from spreading their message, the pins also serve a good cause—funding livelihood projects for our marginalized countrymen made possible by microfinance. If you wish to wear or distribute these message pins, you can call Soi Nuyda at 735-8005 or Evelyn Kilayko at 0917-8400417.

Education and poverty

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

SOMETIME during the Christmas holidays, 21-year-old Onak asked me if I needed someone to look after the little orchard I was starting at the foot of Mt. Malasimbo in Bataan. I remembered him as a sprightly teenager who helped around in my brother's garden. Slightly deaf because of chronic ear infection, he had quit school after Grade 4. Now he has to leave his parents' home, he shyly told me, because he has just taken a wife. I immediately understood his situation, hired him on the spot, and allowed him and his bride the use of a cogon hut I had built as a weekend sanctuary until they could set up their own house.

Fifteen-year-old Jenny, his wife, also stopped going to school after finishing Grade 4. Because she is a minor, they cannot be legally married. But this is a minor detail to this very young couple. They may not even get married, but they will soon be starting a family, replicating the same cycle of poverty, insufficient education, early marriage and long child-bearing years, and low-paying irregular work—that their own parents before them had followed.

There is no real way out of this cycle without a decisive intervention in education. Study after study has shown that the higher the level of education of the head of the family, the higher the family income. A simple quantitative rise in the level of educational attainment of Filipino families could produce a dramatic effect on poverty rates, especially in the rural areas. But more important than the effect on incomes is the profound transformation in worldview and life aspirations that a good education can trigger.

Many years ago, the late President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania visited the Philippines. Mwalimu, as he was fondly called by his own people, spoke at a forum at the University of the Philippines. I remember one particular question he was asked: What would you regard as the most crucial element in Tanzania's development program? His quick unequivocal answer surprised everyone: The education of our young women.

I expected this architect of Tanzanian modernity, the intellectual father of agrarian socialism, to come up with an elaborate discourse on the political economy of African underdevelopment. But he instead proceeded to demonstrate in practical terms why the education of young rural women was critical to African development. First of all, he said, there was no moral or political or economic basis for discriminating against girls and giving all the opportunities for education to males in the family. Second, he noted that the education of women releases them from the traps of male supremacy, ignorance, poverty, and, more importantly, the burden of prolonged child-bearing years. Thirdly, educated mothers are better carriers of progress; more than fathers, the Mwalimu argued, it is they who are able to impart to their children the value of change, of what it means to be a person with aspirations, and what education can do for a human being so she can overcome the limits imposed by inherited hierarchies.

These thoughts came rushing back to me the other night, when the youngest of our four children, Jika, called to ask for advice on how to process a decision she was about to make. At 27, after working in a highly-competitive setting for five years, she quit her corporate job last year to serve in the Jesuit Volunteer Program. I thought it would be a good experience for her. An accountant by training, she was assigned to teach Math to 43 girls, aged 13 to 19, plucked from the remotest villages of Puerto Princesa in Palawan. This unique rural boarding school, based in the Catholic parish of Macarascas, runs a full-time non-formal program that prepares the students for examinations accredited by the Department of Education.

By the end of April, Jika will have completed one year of volunteer work, and we cannot wait to have her back with us. But now she is calling to ask what we think of her plan to stay on as a volunteer teacher till at least the end of 2005. She says it has taken a while before she could win the full trust of the girls, and now she thinks that having entered their lives, she does not feel right about turning her back on them just because her term as JVP volunteer has ended. There's still more she can do to prepare them while she is there, she says with conviction. I was afraid this would happen. As a parent, my instinctive response was to tell her there were other ways of helping the school and the girls that would not necessarily require her to put her own life on hold.

"But, Dad, my life is not on hold," she gently told me. "It is going on here perfectly. It is the first time I have felt that I am doing something that has meaning not only for me but also for other people, like these girls who have not had the same chances in life." I reminded her of her plan to get an MBA, but I got the sense that a graduate degree in business not only seemed remote to her now but also irrelevant. She spoke to her mother about setting up a foundation for the education of rural girls. She believes she can do that even as she continues to teach the girls the beauty of Math and the wondrous world that awaits them as educated women. My heart tells me she has chosen the right path.

When we visited her in August last year, the founder of the school, Fr. Broderick Pabillo, took me aside to express his appreciation for allowing our daughter to volunteer at the school. "It is important for the girls," he said, "not only to learn Math or English, but also to dream. Our JVP volunteers, Jika and Jet (who teaches English), are showing them alternative images of what they can be."

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Chinoy experience

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

LAST Sunday, out of curiosity, I watched the championship games of the Wushu Federation of the Philippines at the Philippine Sports Commission building in Ermita, Manila. The participants came from the organization's chapters in different parts of the country.

For the uninitiated, wushu (which translates to "martial arts") is a sport that originated from China and involves the snappy movement of the arms and legs. Conceived as a means of self-defense, it requires body flexibility and physical endurance.

It will be one of the events in the Southeast Asian Games that will be held in the country this November. For sentimental reasons, China wants its native sport included in the Olympic Games it will host in 2008.

Considering the sport's roots, I was not surprised when I saw the predominance of Chinese-Filipinos at the contest site. The athletes' ages were in the 7- to 18-year-old bracket. Anybody older was either a member of the coaching staff or a parent. From the way they dressed and the kind of cell phones they used, it was apparent the Chinoys were of the upper middle and middle class type.

There were only two indications of Chinese influence in the event; first was the traditional dragon dance that livened up the audience as it awaited the start of the contest; and second were the Chinese characters in the organizer's streamers. An extra large Philippine flag placed near the ceiling underscored the local character of the activity.

Communication

While waiting for the proceedings to begin, the people talked to each other about their teams and the preparations they made to reach the finals. Since the crowd was mostly Chinoy, I was under the impression that the medium of communication among them would be Chinese.

In many of the social gatherings I have attended before where there were a lot of Chinoys, I observed that they conversed in Chinese whenever they were by themselves. But it was different this time: they talked in Pilipino.

The Chinoy youngsters conversed with each other and their Filipino counterparts in Taglish, with Pilipino as the dominant means of communication. Like most of today's teenagers, they talked fast and spirited. Their accent had none of the corrupted style of talking that our local movies often use to portray Chinoys.

The few Chinese words I overheard were about wushu movements that, not surprisingly, are described in their original Chinese names. That's understandable because it's difficult to translate them to English or Pilipino. Besides, the Chinese words carry a certain ring that adds to the mystique of the martial arts-related sport.

The oldies in the group were no different from the younger set. They talked and joked in the national language. I did not get the impression that they were doing that in order not to call attention to themselves and—if I were to sound paranoid—to avoid catching the eye of potential kidnappers. From where I stood and watched, it looked to me that their use of Pilipino was natural or part of their daily interaction within their families.

Attention

I also did not sense any feeling of bitter rivalry among the contestants. The team members helped each other in their warm-up and stretching exercises. I saw a Chinoy teenager, who struck me as experienced in the sport, give pointers to a Filipino who belonged to another team on how to perform a difficult wushu movement.

The crowd hushed up immediately when the emcee, multi-awarded gymnast and Olympian Bea Lucero, announced the playing of the National Anthem to signal the start of the event. Everybody stood up and looked in the direction of the flag. Some struggled to sing along. I felt the effort was an achievement by itself.

Unlike the behavior I have seen in some of the games of the Philippine Basketball Association, the audience kept still while the anthem was being played. Many of the teenagers placed their right hand on the upper left portion of their chest. There was no horseplay among the athletes and the audience took their seats only when the music came to a complete stop.

The competition was intense. The contestants went through their routines seriously. The audience watched in silence. The game marshals did not have to remind them to keep quiet during the athletes' performances. I did not hear any laughter or snicker from the crowd when a contestant missed his cue or made a wrong move.

The players applauded whenever any of them got good ratings from the judges. There was none of the one-upmanship acts that we often see in sports competitions in our schools. The Chinoys cheered when their Filipino competitors were able to complete difficult movements; the latter returned the favor whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Good relations

The camaraderie I saw that day reminded me of a recent soccer game held in Beijing, China between Chinese and Japanese teams. The predominantly Chinese crowd jeered or shouted epithets at the Japanese players in an effort to prevent them from coming up with good plays.

The racial character of those actions was unmistakable that the Japanese sports officials complained to their Chinese counterparts. Until the Chinese authorities are able to control the behavior of local crowds, it may take some time before another Japanese soccer team goes to China to compete with the home teams.

Was I glad that nothing close to that unfortunate incident in Beijing happened in the wushu contest that Sunday afternoon. When the judges announced the winners, there was genuine jubilation among the contestants. Both winners and losers whipped it up and congratulated each other for their efforts. Unless I missed it, I did not see any athlete question the scores he got or any Filipino complain that his ethnicity influenced the judges' actions in this original Chinese sport.

The friendships created among the participants that day were sealed, as today's young and not-so-young are wont to do, by exchanging cell phone numbers. Those who had cell phones with photo capability had their pictures taken and stored in their gizmos.

If the atmosphere that afternoon was a bellwether of things to come, I have every reason to be optimistic about the meaningful assimilation of Chinese-Filipinos in our society.

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Getting to know you (and how!)

FILIPINOS have consistently rejected the idea of a national identification card. In a historic act, Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros tore up their *cedulas* in August 1896. The *cedula personal*, equivalent to the present community residence tax, was a symbol of vassalage to Spain. The tearing up of this Spanish identification document marked the outbreak of the Philippine Revolution.

The short-lived First Philippine Republic led by Emilio Aguinaldo also imposed a form of identification certificate and taxation called *contribucion personal*. But Filipinos found this odious as it was considered a relic of the Spanish colonial rule.

Also unpopular were the residence certificates imposed during the Japanese Occupation and the attempts by President Ferdinand Marcos to come up with a national identification card.

Marcos, who had a penchant for employing instruments for surveillance on citizens to ensure political control, reportedly tried to adopt a national ID project similar to a counter-insurgency program developed by the US Central Intelligence Agency in Vietnam, which required the registration of all Vietnamese 15 years of age and above and the issuance of ID cards to them.

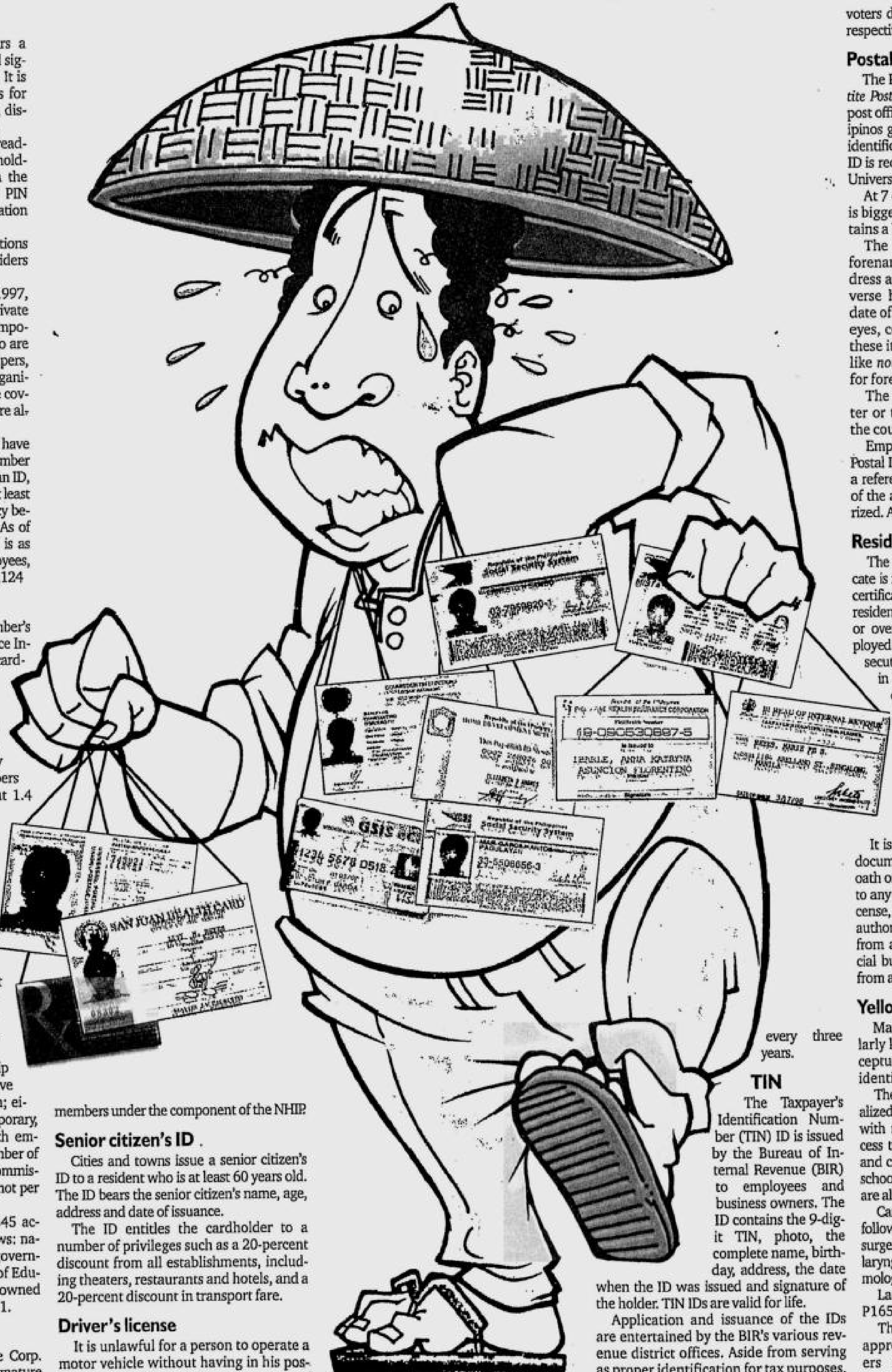
Filipino presidents after Marcos have also flirted with the idea of a national ID. But they, too, had not been successful. For instance, then President Fidel Ramos issued in 1996 an administrative order establishing a national identification system for Filipinos and foreign residents but was rebuffed by the Supreme Court in 1998. The tribunal said the order would put the citizens' right to privacy "in clear and present danger" and usurp the legislative function of Congress. *(PDI Research)*

The Supreme Court said the collection of "personal information constitutes a covert invitation to misuse, a temptation that may be too great for some of our authorities to resist."

President Macapagal-Arroyo is reviving her proposal for Congress to pass a bill setting up a national ID system following the Feb. 14 bombings in the cities of Makati, General Santos and Davao.

Filipinos already have a surfeit of IDs—SSS ID, GSIS eCard, PhilHealth card, driver's license, PRC ID, Taxpayer's Identification Number, Voter's ID, Postal ID, yellow card if one lives in Makati, and office ID, among others. They may not welcome another ID, which the government could use to snoop on them.

Identification cards of Filipinos



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SSS ID

A Social Security System ID bears a member's photo, name, birth date and signature, as well as the SSS ID number. It is primarily used to hasten applications for salary loans and benefits for sickness, disability, maternity, disability and death.

At the back of the ID is a machine-readable magnetic strip that gives the cardholder access to his or her records with the agency after keying in a four-digit PIN number. It may be swiped in information kiosks operated by the SSS in malls.

The ID also helps facilitate transactions with banks, hospitals, health-care providers and other government agencies.

Under the Social Security Act of 1997, SSS membership is compulsory for private employees, whether permanent, temporary, provisional or self-employed, who are not over 60 years old. Household helpers, seafarers, and employees of foreign organizations or governments should also be covered. Children below 15 years of age are also subject to compulsory coverage.

To date, about 7.2 million SSS IDs have been issued by the agency since November 1998. Not all members are entitled to an ID, however. The members should make at least one monthly contribution to the agency before he or she may be issued a card. As of March 2004, membership in the SSS is as follows: employers, 715,564; employees, 20,299,548; and self-employed, 4,925,124

GSIS eCard

The GSIS eCard displays a member's name, picture and Government Service Insurance System number and allows cardholders to transact business with the agency without having to line up at its offices.

GSIS introduced the electronic ID system in September 2004 to replace its old card. As of January 2005, about 280,000 GSIS members had received their IDs out of about 1.4 million government employees.

Members can file their loan applications or benefit claims on the Internet and, with their e-cards, withdraw their loans or benefits over automated teller machines of Bancnet, Megalink and Expressnet.

The GSIS ID is used to speed up transactions with the agency such as applications for loans and claims for life insurance, retirement and other benefits. Members may also use the eCard as a debit card in establishments that accept Visa and Megalink.

One is eligible for GSIS membership if he or she is an appointive or elective official receiving fixed compensation; either a permanent, substitute, temporary, casual or contractual employee with employee-employer relationship; a member of the judiciary or a constitutional commission; and, receiving basic salary but not per diem, honoraria or allowances.

The GSIS has a total of 1,424,845 active members, categorized as follows: national agencies, 400,018; local government units, 390,463; Department of Education, 534,773; and government-owned and controlled corporations, 99,591.

PhilHealth card

The Philippine Health Insurance Corp. card bears the member's name, signature and his or her permanent PhilHealth number. It does not have the cardholder's photo, and so is not used for identification but for verification purposes only.

It is used in PhilHealth transactions such as inpatient and hospital care, and other programs under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).

The program covers employed members both in the government and private sector; individually paying members—self-employed, overseas Filipino workers and professionals in private practice; non-paying members—retirees and pensioners of the GSIS and SSS; members who have reached the age of retirement and have paid at least 120 monthly contributions; and indigent members under the component of the NHIP.

Senior citizen's ID

Cities and towns issue a senior citizen's ID to a resident who is at least 60 years old. The ID bears the senior citizen's name, age, address and date of issuance.

The ID entitles the cardholder to a number of privileges such as a 20-percent discount from all establishments, including theaters, restaurants and hotels, and a 20-percent discount in transport fare.

Driver's license

It is unlawful for a person to operate a motor vehicle without having in his possession a valid driver's license.

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) issues licenses to motorists. For a non-professional license, the applicant must be at least 17 years old and had undergone at least a month of driving instruction. A professional license applicant must be at least 18 years old and had undergone driving lessons for at least five months.

A driver's license serves as verification that the holder has passed the driver's exam given by the LTO. A license contains the photo of the holder, complete name, exact address, birth date, sex, height, weight, nationality, validity, license number and the restrictions and conditions imposed on the holder by the LTO.

PRC license/ID

The Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) administers, implements and enforces regulatory policies on 42 professions.

Once would-be professionals pass their respective board exams and registered themselves with the Commission, they will be given their license certificate and PRC ID. The PRC ID serves as identification and proof that the holder is a registered professional.

The name of the professional, registration number, registration date, validity and profession are the information on the PRC ID. Professionals sign their signatures at the back of the ID. They need to renew their IDs every three years.

TIN

The Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN) ID is issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to employees and business owners. The ID contains the 9-digit TIN, photo, the complete name, birthday, address, the date when the ID was issued and signature of the holder. TIN IDs are valid for life.

Application and issuance of the IDs are entertained by the BIR's various revenue district offices. Aside from serving as proper identification for tax purposes, business establishments such as banks require TIN IDs for certain transactions.

Voter's ID

Information found on the Voter's ID includes the photo, the right thumb mark, the complete name, birth date, civil status, citizenship, address, precinct number and signature of the voter. Also contained in the ID is the municipality and province of the voter and the voter's identification number.

For the 2004 elections, the Commission on Elections underwent a revalidation procedure for voters in an attempt to computerize the voter's list and brand new Voter's ID system. The new IDs should have been used in the 2004 Elections but a lot of the voters did not receive their IDs from their respective barangays before the elections.

Postal ID

The Postal Identity Card or *Carte D'Identite Postale* is used as proof of identity for post office business. It is popular among Filipinos going abroad as this can be used as identification in addition to a passport. The ID is recognized abroad by members of the Universal Postal Union.

At 7 cm by 10 ½ cm, the Postal ID card is bigger than the size of most IDs. It contains a bigger photo of the holder, too.

The obverse contains the surname, forename, occupation, nationality, address and the holder's signature. The reverse has the date and place of birth, date of issuance, height, color of hair and eyes, complexion and special marks. All these items have their French equivalent like *nom de famille* for surname, *prénom* for forename, *domicile* for address, etc.

The Postal ID is issued by the postmaster or the manager of any post office in the country.

Employment is not a requisite to get a Postal ID. But the application form requires a reference who can vouch for the identity of the applicant. This form has to be notarized. Application fee is P150.

Residence certificate

The Individual Community Tax Certificate is more commonly known as residence certificate or *cedula*. It is required of every resident of a town or city, who is 18 years old or over and who has been regularly employed on a wage basis for at least 30 consecutive working days or who is engaged in business or occupation, or who is required by law to file an income tax return.

The *cedula* contains the name (surname, first, middle), sex, citizenship and Alien Certificate of Registration for foreigners, place of birth, date of birth, height, weight, civil status, community tax due and tax paid.

It is required when one acknowledges a document before a notary public, takes the oath of office upon election or appointment to any position in government, receives a license, certificate, or permit from a public authority, pays a tax or fee, receives money from any public fund, transacts other official business, or receives a salary or wage from a person or corporation.

Yellow card

Makati City's health program, popularly known as the yellow card, was conceptualized as a benefit and not as an identification card.

The yellow card program was conceptualized in 1986 to provide Makati residents with monthly incomes below P18,000 access to quality health care. Senior citizens and city government employees like public school teachers, policemen, and firemen are also included in the program.

Card holders could avail themselves of the following services at the Ospital ng Makati: surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics, medicine, otolaryngology (eyes, nose and throat), opthalmology, dermatology and orthopedics.

Last year, the city government allotted P165,000,000 for the program.

The Makati Health Program Office has approved of 297,181 yellow-card holders from 1986 until October 2003. Around 65,000 qualified residents were given yellow cards as of February 2005.

The yellow card has two types: the family card and the solo card. Legitimate residents of Makati with spouses and children, including government employees, househelp, and senior citizens with spouses 59 years old and below can qualify for the family card.

Single residents, senior citizens, government employees who are non-residents of Makati, Sangguniang Kabataan officers and single househelp can avail themselves of the solo card.

Information stated in the yellow card includes the name, address, birthday and classification of the holder. ***PDI Research and Margaux Ortiz***

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CAGAYAN VIOLENCE

Vice mayor held in ambush on mayor

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Police on Friday arrested the vice mayor of Lasam, Cagayan, after he was tagged as the mastermind in the failed ambush on Lasam Mayor Eulogio Agatep Jr. on Feb. 16.

Agatep was wounded while two others, including Agatep's 3-year-old nephew, were killed in the ambush.

Senior Supt. James Andres Melad, Cagayan police director, said Lasam Vice Mayor Revelito Conciso was arrested at the Civil Service Commission compound here while giving one of the suspects P4,500, supposedly as partial payment for the hit job.

Melad said they arrested on Thursday Jose Alex Sollano Jr., a former Army sergeant who was on parole, for his participation in the ambush.

Sollano, who was arrested through a warrant issued by Judge Nelgio Cortez of the Lasam Municipal Trial Court, yielded a .45 cal. pistol.

In Lasam, some 2,000 students, residents and local government officials marched on Wednesday to demand justice for the killing of Agatep's nephew, Jethro, and aide Orlando Quebral.

Agatep, who led the rally during the funeral of his nephew and Quebral, appealed for sobriety and called on those responsible for the ambush to "stop their evil plans for the sake of the town."

Also wounded during the ambush were Agatep's son, Eulogio III, the mayor's brother, Isaac and SPO1 Marvin Rigor.

In Abra, authorities are investigating the possible involvement of politicians in private armies that had been tagged responsible for killings in the province. *Villamor Visaya Jr. and Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Laoag mayor says pols behind raps he shot vice mayor

LAOAG City Mayor Michael Fariñas yesterday said a powerful political clan in the Ilocos region is behind the turnaround of Councilor Melvin de la Cuesta, the supposed eyewitness to the Feb. 2 killing of Vice Mayor Jimmy Chua.

In a statement sent to the INQUIRER, Fariñas vehemently denied allegations by De la Cuesta that he shot Chua to death inside the Eagle's Nest Restaurant and Bar early dawn of Feb. 2.

Fariñas said he was informed that a member of a powerful political clan in Ilocos was instrumental in convincing De la Cuesta to retract his earlier statement that a hired killer shot Chua in front of the Eagle's Nest Restaurant.

"Apparently, this powerful political clan is out to destroy me for reasons they alone know. I can only surmise that there was money and threat involved in the recantation of Councilor De la Cuesta," Fariñas said.

Fariñas, however, refused to identify the "powerful political clan" in the meantime but promised to do so soon after he has gathered enough evidence that his being linked to the Chua killing is politically motivated.

"I do not harbor any ill feelings toward De la Cuesta for I know that he is under intense pressure from his political clan. If only he had a choice, De la Cuesta would not have signed the document linking me to the gruesome killing," Fariñas said.

In his original statement given to police investigators, De la Cuesta pointed to a gunman later identified as "alias Steve" of Sinait, Ilocos Sur as the one who shot Chua in front of the Eagle's Nest Restaurant.

De la Cuesta said the gunman was with another unidentified suspect on board a motorcycle when the shooting happened.

"When he (Chua) told me that we should go home, we went to the toilet to relieve ourselves and he went out first. When I went out of the toilet, I heard a single gunshot after which I heard the sound of a motorcycle. I went out and saw a motorcycle moving westward and then northward at Bacarra Road and I saw Vice Mayor Jimmy Chua sprawled on the ground," De la Cuesta said in his statement.

De la Cuesta said he even managed to take a look at the face of the gunman, which became the basis for the description he gave the cartographer from the Criminal and Detection Group.

De la Cuesta was also able to identify the suspected gunman from a police "gallery" containing the photographs of criminals in the Ilocos Region.

In the meantime, forensics experts of the National Bureau of Investigation have found traces of blood at the restaurant table where Laoag Mayor Michael Fariñas was sitting when he allegedly shot dead Vice Mayor Jimmy Chua earlier this month.

NBI chief Reynaldo Wycoco said De la Cuesta came out to tell the truth upon the prodding of his family, NBI agents and the police. *With a report from Leila Salaverria*

GMA asked to appoint Kapampangan to Clark post

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Local officials and businessmen in Pampanga have urged their *kabalen* (provincemate), President Macapagal-Arroyo, to appoint a Kapampangan as president of the Clark Development Corp.

Gov. Mark Lapid and Rep. Reynaldo Aquino, in separate statements on Thursday, clamored for a Kapampangan president at the CDC, the government body overseeing the development of the former Clark Air Base into a special economic zone.

Businessmen led by Alan David have sought the same following the resignation of CDC president Emmanuel Angeles effective March 16.

In their statements, they did not endorse any replacement for Angeles but sources here said they were supporting local businessman and former Bases Conversion Development Authority Director Levy Laus.

Laus has built a successful business conglomerate in car sales, insurance and food. His allies have touted him as the next CDC president amid reports since June last year that Angeles would be replaced.

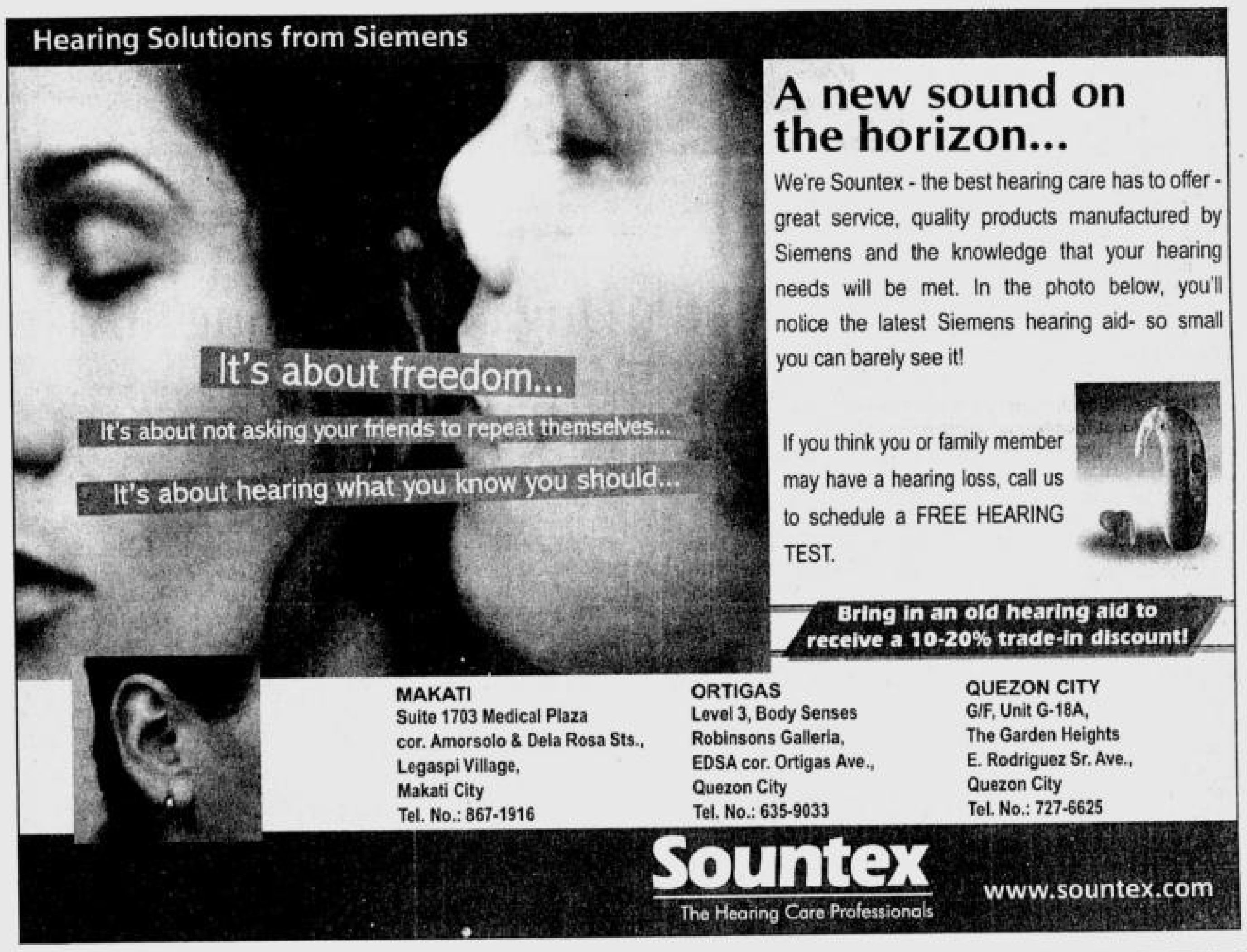
In past interviews, Laus dispelled such reports.

During the announcement of his resignation last week, Angeles told reporters that Ms Arroyo had asked him to stay as CDC president and chief executive officer "for as long as he wants."

Angeles said he prefers to return to the academe as president of the family-owned Angeles University Foundation in Angeles City.

Like Aquino, Lapid said a Kapampangan is the best person to lead the CDC because that person understands the dynamics of local politics and governments and could thus ensure the parallel development of towns and cities around Clark.

Lapid said "only a Kapampangan could truly understand" the clamor of his provincemates on the full operations of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport, also in Clark. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*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Cordillera to hold more festivals in meningo wake

BAGUIO CITY—Cordillera officials will hold more cultural festivals to recover from losses caused by the meningococcemia scare.

As officials and residents are celebrating the Adivay Festival in Benguet and the Panagbenga Festival in Baguio, Mt. Province is preparing to hold the Lang-ay Festival, the first tourism-oriented cultural festival in the province, in April.

A grand cultural festival called Imbayah will be held in Ifugao also in April.

In a press forum on Thursday, members of the Regional Development Council said they are optimistic that festivals such as the Panagbenga will bring in more income to the region.

Due to the meningococcemia scare, the Department of Tourism in Cordillera recorded income losses of P52 million weekly in January in Baguio.

Earlier, DOT Regional Director Purificacion Molintas said the losses only represented the average tourist expenditures at P2,500 per person per day.

To recover, tourism officials are actively promoting tourist destinations in Cordillera after Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano presented a P1-million check to the Baguio tourism council and the Benguet provincial tourism council.

Promotion

Part of the funds will be used to promote festivals in Baguio and Benguet, Durano said.

The promotional fund will also cover TV commercials, print advertisements that will feature Baguio and Benguet as destinations for all seasons.

Baguio and Benguet are one of the favorite tourist destinations in the country along with Subic, Clark, Laoag, Vigan, Manila, Tagaytay, Cavite, Bicol, Palawan, Boracay, Cebu, Bohol, Camiguin cluster, Davao and Zamboanga.

Durano said 2004 was a banner year for Philippine tourism after it recorded an all time high of 2,290,000 tourist arrivals.

Cordillera has an average income of P7 billion annually from the 1 million tourist arrivals every year.

Twin objectives

Thomas Killip, presidential assistant for Cordillera Affairs, said he was hoping that the festivals in the region would not only enhance the tourism industry of Baguio City but also of the Cordillera.

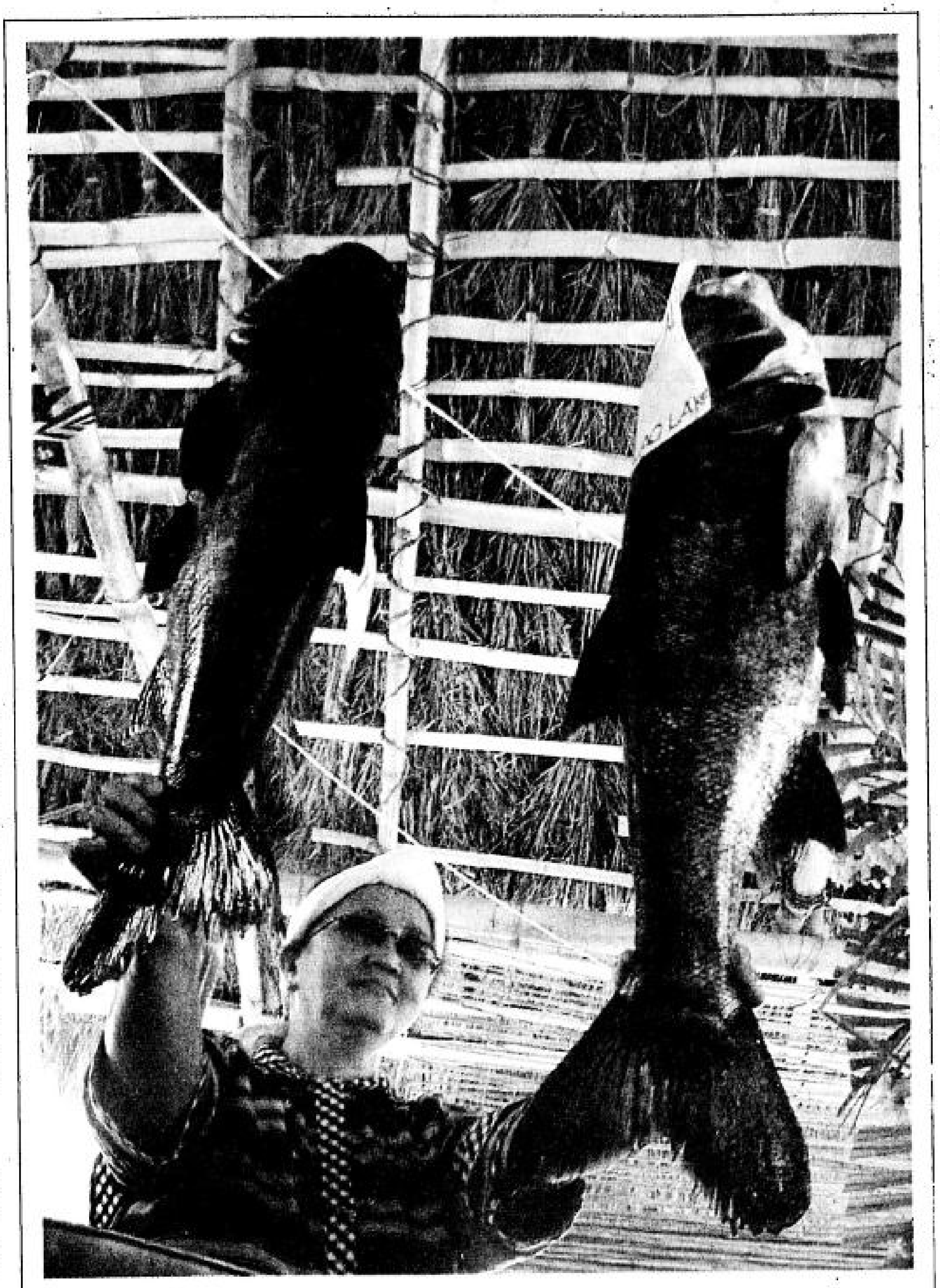
Killip, a former mayor of Sagada, Mt. Province, said the staging of festivals would prove that the region is safe from any deadly disease.

Mt. Province's tourist arrivals were also affected by reports on meningococcemia. Tourist guides and hotel and restaurant owners in Sagada said they noticed a decline in tourist arrivals after the reports.

Leon Dacanay, assistant regional director of National Economic and Development Authority, said the RDC is studying eco-cultural tourism in the region which would cover Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan and Tuba in Benguet.

Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog, also RDC chair, said they are now pushing for the Lang-ay Festival that will kick off in Bontoc, the province's capital, to attract more tourists.

The festival will also promote the local agricultural industry, he said. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



BENGUET FISH TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

A vendor shows off two big-head *tilapias* that are grown in Benguet during the Adivay Festival held at the Benguet State University in La Trinidad town.

Solon vows fight to keep doctors' fees VAT-exempt

MACIAS

DUMAGUETE CITY—Negros Oriental Rep. Emilio Macias II has vowed to oppose moves to lift the value-added tax exemption (VAT) of professional fees of doctors because doing so will only mean additional burden to the patients.

"I am against the lifting of the exemption, not because I am a doctor but because of the effect of this on patients," said Macias, House committee chair on local government.

He, however, had voted in favor of increasing the VAT by two percent although he registered strong opposition to the lifting of the exemption on professional fees of doctors.

Macias said patients would end up paying the VAT, once the exemptions were lifted.

"I am not defending the doctors but the patients. The moment a person is ill and becomes uncertain of his future or is fighting between life and death, he cannot postpone his treatment and will be forced to pay including the VAT," he said.

Macias also said another possibility would be the doctor and the patient would just agree that payment be made without a receipt to avoid paying the VAT.

"It is possible that the doctor will propose to the patient that in order to avoid paying a much higher doctor's fee due to VAT, the physician will not issue a receipt. So no receipt, no VAT and no income tax," Macias said.

The government should instead look into the income tax return of doctors because there are some who do not declare their actual income, he added.

In Cebu City, a group was formed to campaign for the scrapping of the bill that seeks to increase VAT by two percent.

About 1,000 members of Vat Oppositors in Cebu (Vatoc) marched in the streets to express their opposition to House Bill 3355.

"In the light of the commemoration of the first Edsa People Power, we declare that President Macapagal-Arroyo's aggressive promotion of tax measures such as VAT is contrary to what People Power stood for," the group said.

The Vatoc is composed of at least 20 people's and nongovernment organizations and party-list groups.

The group vowed to initiate a series of education campaign on the effect of the proposed increase and expansion of VAT and spearhead protest actions in Cebu. *Romy G. Amarado and Jolene R. Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Continued manganese mining in Vizcaya alarms ecology group

By Melvin Gascon
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QUEZON, Nueva Vizcaya—Small-scale miners continued to dig up manganese ore at an upland reforestation project in Barangay Bonifacio here despite the lack of a permit from the provincial government, the INQUIRER learned on Friday.

Members of the Save the Valley, Serve the People Alliance for the Environment (Save), an environment watchdog, on Friday discovered freshly extracted manganese deposits and hundreds of sacks containing mined ore stockpiled at the site in Sitio Burburnay.

"With what we have seen here today, there is no doubt that [the miners] have been operating without a permit," said Jose Fereira, chair of the committee on environment of the Bagabag town council and convenor of Save.

Save members also found digging tools and heavy equipment at the site, which, they said, might have been abandoned minutes before the arrival of the group.

The mining operation for manganese by the Kablaaw Manganese Association Inc. (KMAI) was stopped after Gov. Luisa Cuaresma on Jan. 24 issued a cease-and-desist order. The provincial government stopped the operation after the KMAI was found to have violated its special permit.

Cuaresma said she has not renewed the permit for the KMAI.

Conflicting statements

When sought for comment, miners at the site gave conflicting statements. Some KMAI members denied that mining operations were ongoing.

"What [the group] saw were manganese ore that were dug up prior to the issuance of the [cease-and-desist order]. We have always abided by and will always abide with that order," said a miner.

However, Renato Sunio, KMAI mining foreman, said they continued to extract manganese deposits manually. He said they had stopped using heavy equipment for their operations.

About 50 of the original 150 KMAI miners had opted to remain in the mining site in anticipation of the lifting of the order and renewal of the permit by Cuaresma, Sunio said.

The miners said they were being paid P20 for every sack or P300 for every cubic meter of manganese ore extracted.

Living with families

Some of them lived with their families in about 20 huts put up near the mining site entrance.

Asked what they were doing in the area while waiting for the permit, a miner said: "Nothing, [we] just wait."

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources earlier ordered KMAI to pay about P99,000 as fine for destroying some 3,000 gmelina trees within the reforestation area.

"I won't be surprised [if KMAI] continued with its operations. That's why I immediately recommended that the governor issue a small-scale [mining] permit," said Jerrysal Mangaoang, regional director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

"You saw the area, [there was] nothing to panic about. As long as the environmental measures [would] be put in place, let's leave those poor miners alone," he said.

Permit in a week

Mangaoang said he was expecting Cuaresma to sign the permit by next week.

In Bayombong town, church groups and local officials launched the Save on Friday to block the proposed mining projects in the province.

Rev. Jonathan Razon, chair of the Cagayan Valley Regional Ecumenical Assembly, said the alliance aims to rally all sectors to act and demand for the conservation, protection and rehabilitation of the Cagayan River, the country's longest river, its resources and the welfare of the affected communities. *With a report from Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Bicol, Pampanga, Quezon tagged priorities in geo-hazard map

NAGA CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo has placed the Bicol provinces, Pampanga and Quezon in the priority areas of geo-hazard mapping, which commences this year, according to an executive of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

Arnel Jusi, chief geologist of MGB in Bicol, said yesterday that the President had ordered the three-year completion of the geo-hazard map with a scale of 1:50,000 not only to improve the government's disaster response but also to effectively come up with a comprehensive land-use plan.

The government is rushing the geo-hazard mapping of the Philippines by cutting its completion period from six years to three years beginning this year, Jusi added.

He said six years were deemed too long because, he said, many geological incidents could occur in the Philippines within a three-year period.

Early last week, the Bicol region experienced a mild earthquake that shook several places, almost on the same day a powerful earthquake devastated Iran.

The MGB, an attached agency of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is the government agency mandated to identify and regulate mineral resources and conduct geological studies and other studies on Philippine geology.

Jusi said the MGB is expected to prepare a geo-hazard map that delineates the faults, identifies areas where flooding and potential landslides occur, distinguishes storm surge areas and spots tsunami-prone areas.

He said the selection of the priority areas was based on potential hazards and the size of the population. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Flowers seen as bridge to North Korea

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Beauty queen-turned-activist Nelia Sancho has found a new role as a bridge for two North Korean prizes that could help in the reinvention of the Baguio Flower Festival.

Sancho is introducing the flower breeds "Kim Jong Il" and "Kim Il Sung" to Baguio and Benguet flower producers. Jong Il is a North Korean breed of peony blossoms that can grow as large as a center table. It was named after the current North Korean president.

"It's actually called a Kim Jong-ilia," said Sancho.

She said Il Sung (or Kim Il-sungia) is a North Korean orchid that was cultured to its precise fragrance, in honor of North Korea's founder and Jong Il's father, Kim Il Sung.

Both floral breeds were introduced during North Korea's 50th founding anniversary in 1998, she said.

Sancho said the flowers could restore the bridge that United States President George W. Bush tried to cut when he declared North Korea part of an "axis of evil" three years ago following the September 11 terror attacks in the United States.

Ties

The Philippines, a member of the US-led coalition of the willing, has standing ties with North Korea, Sancho said.

She said Philippine and North Korean ties have not gone anywhere beyond their initial vow of cooperation, and efforts are being made by the Philippine-Democratic People's Republic of Korea Friendship Society to "stimulate real exchanges" between the two countries.

Sancho, founding president of the society, said North Korean flower experts are due to visit the Cordillera's cut flower centers in March to promote their country's floral treasures.

Logical

She said the city's flower festival was a logical destination to introduce Kim Jong-ilia and Kim Il-sungia, but North Koreans are also drawn to the city because of its huge migrant Korean population.

Many of the Baguio-based Koreans have relatives in North Korea and that is a bond they intend to renew, Sancho said.

The Korean population in the city comes from South Korea, according to the Bureau of Immigration. Many are students, who go seasonally to the city to learn English or to enroll in the city's universities.

But the flowers are not being marketed in the local Korean community, Sancho said.

"These blossoms are ripe for the Philippine [market], and I think [Benguet's flower industry should get a first crack at] its marketing," she said.

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Alaminos City Mayor Hernani Braganza, Philippine Tourism Authority chair Robert Dean Barbers and Environment Secretary Michael Defensor gesture after entering into an agreement to reestablish the Hundred Islands in Pangasinan as a premier tourist destination and, at the same time, protect its ecology.

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Group justifies violence in Christ's name

By JB R. Deveza
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SAYING they will refuse even the help of court-appointed lawyers, 17 members of a group calling itself the Jesus Christ Followers (JCF) insist that they will let their students defend them in court.

The members, six of them aged 11 to 19 years old, were brought to the Lumbia Detention and Rehabilitation Center from a cramped cell inside the police compound in Cagayan de Oro City. They were arrested last month after a clash with policemen, but each of them refused to post P12,000 in bail, opting for another showdown with authorities.

The JCF members remain obstinate, defiant, mouthing threats laced with invectives, just like what they did during preliminary investigation proceedings at the Hall of Justice on Feb. 1.

Senior Supt. Honorio Cervantes, city police chief, said the detainees would be charged with direct assault. They could face other charges pending completion of the police investigation of the incident, he said.

"We will turn this country upside down," said Emilinda Tiongco, owner of the JCF School and one of those arrested.

Tiongco said her group would see the authorities in court and would showcase their students' brilliance as proof of the school's superior academic standards by letting the six students handle their defense.

MEMBERS of the JCF in jail in Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City.

PHOTOS BY JB DEVEZA/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

'Garbage' prosecutors

Sneering at the prospect of working with court-appointed lawyers and calling the state prosecutors "garbage," Tiongco said she was confident that their students, though lacking in legal training, would put the prosecutors to shame.

"We demand that every case [they have] against the JCF be reopened and we demand a public trial," she said, promising fresh twists to the drama.

Calling themselves modern-day apostles of Jesus Christ, the JCF aims for a curious mix of spiritual and secular aspirations. The school was established in 1999 by Tiongco and her husband Onofre, former Middle East workers.

Convinced that the solution to the financial difficulties of the average Filipino is to find work abroad, Onofre said they were driven by the desire to provide people with the means, through education, to that end. This and the compulsion to spread an unusual interpretation of the Bible.

No cult

"We are not a cult," Onofre said, adding that they are all equals and there are no messianic figures among them.

Though lacking in established religious doctrines, Onofre said theirs is more of a spontaneous Christianity, a way of life based on their interpretation of the Bible.

But contrary to the conventional Christian doctrine of loving your enemies, the JCF finds turning the other cheek all hogwash. It believes Jesus Christ was a violent, as well as a nonviolent, man-god.

And violence, in response to oppression or perceived oppression, is justified, according to the group's interpretation of the Bible. This partly explains its stubborn resistance to authorities.

Wielding steel pipes, sticks, rocks and human excrement wrapped in plastic, JCF members fought policemen on Jan. 28, leaving three officers injured. Twenty-two JCF members, many of whom suffered injuries, were arrested.

Student refuge

The confrontation was triggered by the refusal of school officials to hand over one of their students, a 16-year-old, to her parents. The girl had sought refuge inside the school compound, where several of the teachers also reside, after quarreling with her parents.

School officials repeatedly refused to release the child to relatives, prompting the parents to seek the help of authorities.

Fourteen students, aged 9 to 16 years old, who were inside the school premises during the clash, were subsequently placed in the custody of the City Social Welfare and Development office. Ten of them were released to their parents after three days.

The clash was the latest in a series of encounters that began in 2003. The latest incident, however, need not have occurred had a previous Department of Education (DepEd) recommendation urging the school's closure been executed, according to police officers. The DepEd made its suggestion two years ago after finding the school deficient in complying with its requirements.

Expired permit

According to Rosita Cang, Education Supervisor III of the DepEd in Northern Mindanao, the school's temporary permit to operate had already expired but school officials, led by Tiongco and school administrator Rhapsody Dacudao, refused to apply for recognition.

Moreover, the school has adopted a curriculum different from what the DepEd prescribes for primary and secondary instruction. "We teach subjects that are offered in Britain, we do not follow the DepEd system," Tiongco said.

There are no Filipino subjects as these are deemed not important for employment abroad. To rate the students' competence, Tiongco said the passing mark at the JCF School was 90 percent for all subjects, instead of the customary 70 percent.

"We are going to raise that to 95 percent and eventually to 100 percent, and we are not going to let any student who cannot attain the 100-percent passing mark graduate," she said.

Jurisdiction issue

This high academic standard should be enough to compel the DepEd to accord permanent recognition to the JCF School, Tiongco said.

And in a peculiar reversal of roles, the school owner said it was the DepEd, not the JCF School, that needed to reevaluate its prescribed curriculum.

The issue of jurisdiction over schools operating in the city without licenses has remained muddled. Police officials say the school has operated for two years even after being ordered closed because they could not do anything in the absence of a clear directive from the city government.

DepEd officials say they have done their share in recommending the school's closure. The city council received a copy of one such department recommendation in 2003 and subsequently passed a resolution that same year, urging the mayor to shut down the school.

A SMASHED guitar lies abandoned in one classroom of the JCF. JCF followers have accused police of using excessive force in a confrontation last month over cult leaders' refusal to turn over a student to her parents. The cult says violence is justified and is advocated in the Bible.

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POPE RALLIES

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crowds of faithful for his regular Sunday address.

The Angelus had to be read by an aide and the Pope only managed to mumble a few words and raise his hand to bless the crowd but it was a symbolic show that he was still at work.

The Pope, who spent a second night in his 10th-floor ward at Rome's Gemelli hospital, was "very serene," according to Colombian Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo—one of a string of prelates who visited him Friday.

Failing a papal appearance at his hospital window on Sunday, whatever information emerges on the Pope's true condition is likely to remain largely anecdotal until Monday, when Navarro-Valls is due to present the next medical bulletin.

The Vatican has tried hard to calm frayed nerves about the Pontiff's health, saying he had eaten breakfast on Friday and was breathing more easily after the tracheotomy.

In a medical bulletin, the Vatican said doctors had advised the Pope not to speak for some days—a much softer take on his situation than that given by doctors who said it could be weeks before he would be able to make any noise at all.

The Pope, who also shakes with Parkinson's disease and is racked with arthritis, has brushed off doomsayers who predicted he was close to death over the years, pointing out that many of them had died and he was still leading the Catholic Church.

But as he gets older, the Pope will take longer to recover and faces more potential complications. Medical experts said there was a significant likelihood a post-tracheotomy patient of his age and frailty could get pneumonia.

News agency Ansa said the Pope was on strong antibiotics as a precautionary measure.

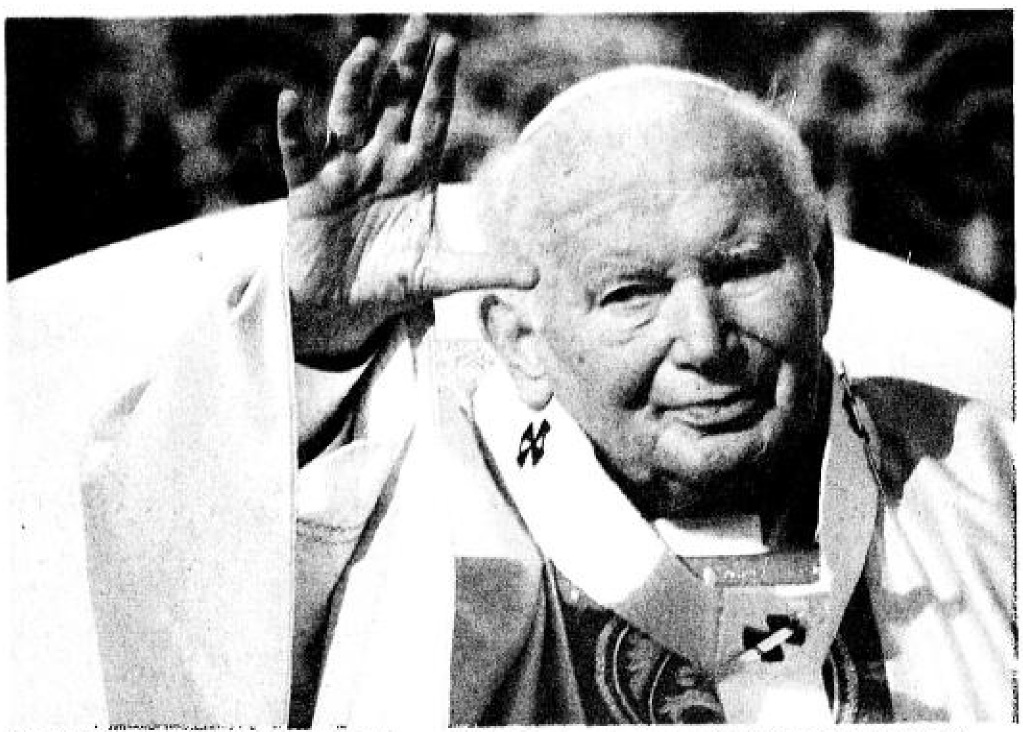
But the Pope feels deeply he should continue to "look after the flock."

Deep concern

Medical experts have voiced deep concern over the prospects of a recovery from his latest test, however.

Many have pointed out that a tracheotomy patient would normally be expected to recover his voice within a week or so, but a patient with John Paul II's litany of complications—the ravages of Parkinson's disease, past bouts with life-threatening conditions and his advanced age—cannot be expected to recover so rapidly.

"The Vatican prepares itself for a Pope who can't speak," Saturday's edition of the Italian daily Corriere della Sera said in a headline.



FRAILTY compounded by Parkinsons' disease makes the Pope look unwell even when not down with something or other as this photo, which was taken last October at the beatification rites of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, shows.

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John Paul II was rushed to hospital on Thursday with what the Vatican said was a recurrence of the acute breathing difficulties that forced his first hospitalization at the Gemelli just three weeks earlier.

Papal notes

Doctors quickly decided to perform a tracheotomy to ease his breathing.

Navarro-Valls told a press conference Friday the Pope was communicating by writing notes and had written "What have you done to me?" which the spokesperson explained as John Paul II's humorous reference to losing his voice, a normal consequence of his surgery.

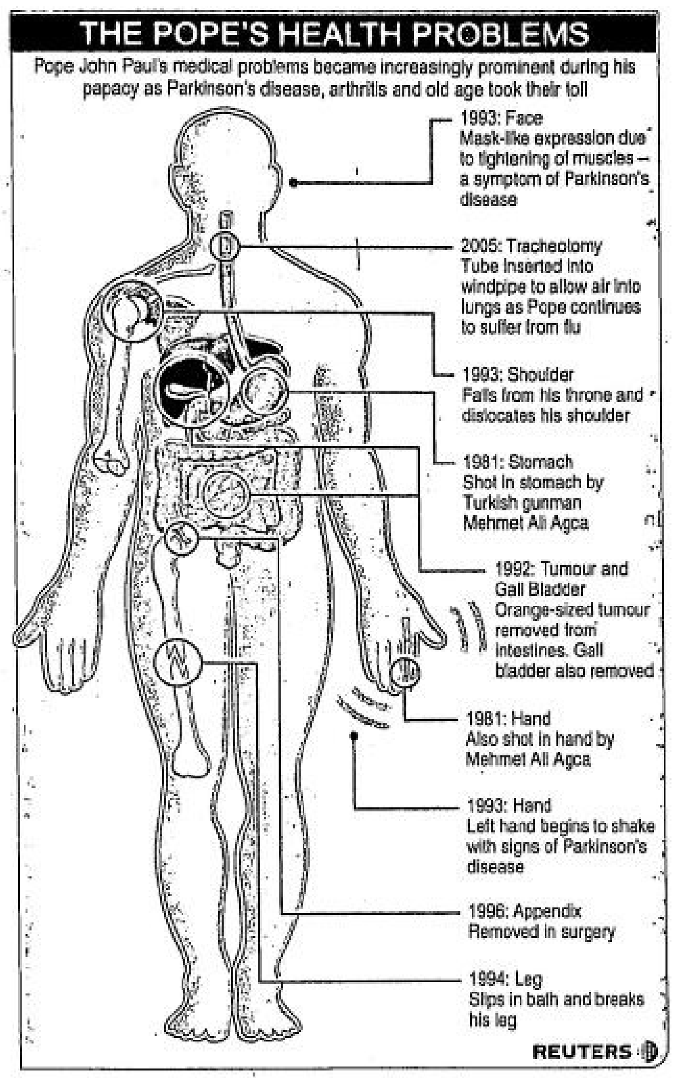
Another note said "I am forever Totus Tuus (all yours)," a reference to his devotion to the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.

He said the Pope was joking with doctors and aides and had not needed help breathing after the tracheotomy even though medical experts said a respirator was normally used after such an operation.

Modern technology and modern science spread John Paul's papacy further around the world than any other and lengthened it beyond what might have been medically possible decades ago.

His recurrent illnesses have raised the question of whether the Pope should resign but Churchmen say he is still very much in charge and is taking all the Vatican's big decisions.

However, the prospect of a speechless Pope worried some Church officials.



THE POPE'S HEALTH PROBLEMS

Pope John Paul's medical problems became increasingly prominent during his papacy as Parkinson's disease, arthritis and old age took their toll

1993: Face
Mask-like expression due to tightening of muscles – a symptom of Parkinson's disease
2005: Tracheotomy
Tube inserted into windpipe to allow air into lungs as Pope continues to suffer from flu
1993: Shoulder
Falls from his throne and dislocates his shoulder
1981: Stomach
Shot in stomach by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca
1992: Tumour and Gall Bladder
Orange-sized tumour removed from intestines. Gall bladder also removed
1981: Hand
Also shot in hand by Mehmet Ali Agca
1993: Hand
Left hand begins to shake with signs of Parkinson's disease
1996: Appendix
Removed in surgery
1994: Leg
Slips in bath and breaks his leg

REUTERS

"We must now expect that he may never speak again," one said. "If we have a Pope who has to scrawl his messages out on a pad, well, that's unprecedented."

Now that illness has reduced a mute Pope to ruling the world's one billion Catholics by writing notes, increasing attention is focusing on those with immediate access to them—his personal secretary Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz and his secretary of state Cardinal Angelo Sodano, two members of a tight circle of close papal collaborators.

"The Holy Father has to increasingly trust the counsel and suggestions of a small group of collaborators, often giving his general approval as he no longer has the energy to reopen files and perhaps come to a totally different conclusion," one unidentified cardinal is quoted in Saturday's La Repubblica as saying.

"In some cases, we no longer know precisely what the source is for certain decisions." *AFP, Reuters*

FIVE times Mexico City had received the Pope ecstatically. Today nuns look up at the main shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Basilica of Guadalupe to pray for the health of their most distinguished and memorable visitor.

RAFFI LERMA

THE CANDLES burn brightly at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine in Baclaran, Parañaque, as Catholics continue to pray for the Pope.

Cockpit is first . . .

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structure to rise was—not a house or a school—but a cockpit.

A cockpit (*sabungan*) is being constructed, right in the middle of the buried village of Paltic where at least 40 people, most of them children, died in the series of landslides in November and December last year.

Dingalan Councilor Shiela Taay said the reconstruction of the cockpit and the coming cockfights reflect the insensitivity of Mayor Jaime Ylarde and establishment owner Sammy Tarucan.

Rushed for March 9 derby

Landslides took 191 lives and injured 104 people in Dingalan, according to a report from the municipal disaster coordinating council. Damage to public infrastructure, private properties, crops, livestock and fisheries reached P134.47 million.

As workers rushed to put the finishing touches to the arena in time for the March 9 derby, Taay said not a single house for the 1,008 families left homeless by the series of landslides had been completed.

"Wood has been abundant because logs were drifting in the rivers and the coast. While the resettlement of victims is taking too long, the construction of the arena went very fast and a lot of energy and attention were put into it by some local officials," Taay said in a telephone interview from Dingalan on Friday.

Shocked

The cockpit, she said, would encourage people to gamble. Scant personal resources would be wasted on gambling, instead of using them to revive farms and other enterprises, she added.

Gov. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo, in a separate interview, said she was "shocked" that a cockpit was the first structure to rise in Dingalan.

While the cockpit was privately owned and the municipal council granted it a permit to operate in 1998, a local government official had been assisting in its construction, Taay said.

The galvanized iron roof of the town's slaughterhouse, which was destroyed by the landslides, had been lent to Tarucan and was now being used as the cover of the cockpit in Purok Mulawin, Taay said.

She added that lumber was obtained from drifting logs and were sawn in the cockpit's compound.

Ylarde, reached by phone on Friday, said construction work had begun for at least 12 houses in Barangay Caragsakan. At least 150 houses would be built on a 1.5-hectare property there with the assistance of Gawad Kalinga.

Slaughterhouse roof

The mayor confirmed that Tarucan owned the cockpit. He said he was *galit na galit* (very angry) that the slaughterhouse's roof had been transferred to the cockpit.

Ylarde said he ordered his men to retrieve the roof. As for the lumber, he said Tarucan used "old stocks" that were in the owner's compound before the landslides hit the town on Nov. 23 last year.

Asked why he allowed cockfighting to resume amid a disaster and why rehabilitation work was so slow, Ylarde said the municipal government had no money to buy land for the resettlement project.

Logs relieved

Logs washed down by the floods and landslides that had gotten stuck along the rivers and other inland tributaries were supposed to be retrieved by the municipal government.

Logs that littered the coast on the Pacific Ocean were supposed to be gathered by the state-owned Natural Resources Development Corp. through its contractor, the Kasibu sawmill.

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Telco makes smart move in schools

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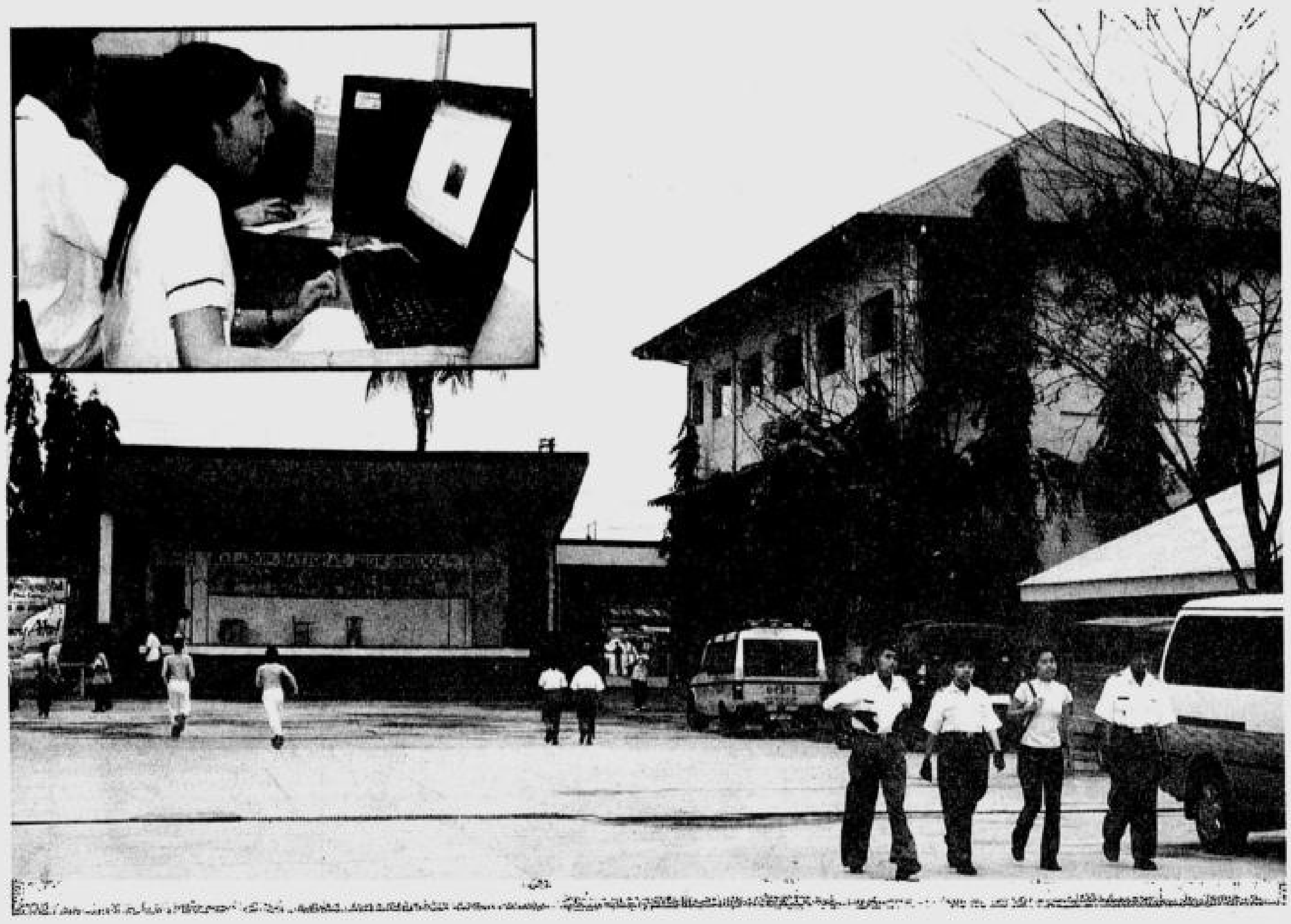

STUDENTS (inset) surf the world wide web at the MALABON National High School (above), which has become the first beneficiary of a project of Smart to provide free Internet access to public schools. At right, Education Secretary Florencio Abad (center) receives the deed of donation from Smart public affairs head Mon Isberto during ceremonies on campus. Also in photo are (from left) Rep. Ricky Sandoval, Isabela Cu and principal Rosa Centeno.

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SMART schools PROGRAM
BLESSING AND INAUGURATIO
Malabon N nal Hi

THE NEXT time Malabon National High School (MNHS) teacher Elisa Sta. Maria needs to surf the Internet to do research, she would not have to go far.

At the heart of their school in remote Barangay Hulong Duhat is a learning center for teachers with 10 computer units, each with Internet connection.

Even better, Sta. Maria will no longer have to spend her own money. Internet access is free, thanks to giant communications and computer companies.

"We used to rely (mainly) on books for our lessons. We had no additional resources. But now, we can just download (materials) from websites," Sta. Maria said.

More than two weeks ago, the school received new computers from the Smart Communication Inc. The Philippine Long Distance Telecommunication Company gave them Internet access the whole year.

Smart converted two classrooms into the learning center, complete with new tables and stools. Air-conditioners would be installed later.

First up

The MNHS is the first to become part of the Smart Schools Program (SSP), a private sector initiative to promote information and communications technology by putting up Internet-based learning resource centers for teachers in selected public schools in the country.

"All over the world, education institutions are going online. If we don't speed up our own efforts to use the Internet as an educational resource, the more we will lag behind," Smart spokesperson Ramon Isberto told the INQUIRER.

During the project launch, Education Secretary Florencio Abad noted how the quality of education in the country has fallen in the last 30 years. Technology may be one way to reverse the trend, he said.

Internet connection in public schools could, among others, speed up communication between the department and teachers, Abad said.

Through e-mail, e-groups or even video conferencing, officials could reach teachers even in the remotest barangays.

Abad pointed out that the Department of Education had to communicate regularly with about 560,000 teachers. Communicating with them the traditional way was very costly.

Abad also told the INQUIRER later, "With the Internet, we can faster institute reforms in the education system."

But right now, only 18 percent of public schools in the country have Internet connections. Thus, private sector initiative is much welcomed, and badly needed.

The SSP has three components: access, content and training.

Access means free Internet connection for the whole year. Content refers to educational websites teachers can visit for their lessons. There is a plan to start an online community where teachers can exchange lesson materials.

To ensure teachers benefit from the program, they would have to learn to use the technology. World leader Microsoft would train teachers from participating schools.

For the pilot school, Microsoft conducted a seminar for 10 MNHS teachers, including Sta. Maria, last month. They, in turn, would train their fellow teachers.

MNHS students—even those whose classrooms became the learning center—might have a long wait it they are hoping to use the brand-new computers to surf the Internet.

"These facilities are really for teachers. We were told by the experts, if we have limited resources, we should start first with the teachers," Isberto said.

But students can expect more informed lectures and up-to-date information from their soon-to-be Internet-savvy teachers.

"Helping one teacher in using the Internet would benefit many (classes). There is a big multiplier effect," Smart president Napoleon Nazareno said in a speech during the launch that Isberto read for him.

The MNHS has 140 teachers and a student population of about 8,000.

MNHS senior Lalaine, 16, said she and her friends had been using the Internet to do research for their projects. Internet shops outside the school charge P20 per hour.

"We can also do research using books in the library. But it is much easier to (use) the Internet," she said.

Will the Internet hasten the demise of the habit of reading among the youth?

"Properly used, the Internet can only emphasize or strengthen the habit of reading. Information published in electronic form is much more dynamic than publication of books," Isberto said.

Compared to books, Isberto said, information from the Internet was more updated.

But he conceded that Internet use could be abused. Students and even teachers would have to be protected from or prevented from accessing not-so-good sites.

The schools would have to set the guidelines and the program would help address those concerns, he said.

The Smart Schools Project is an initiative of the Philippine Business for Social Progress, which selects participating schools through its regional offices.

Poor but deserving

"We give premium to poor but deserving schools," Isberto said.

He said the program would also be implemented at the Lope de Vega National High School in the hinterlands of Northern Samar.

"The community is poor but that school is number one in the entire country in the national achievement test," Isberto said.

Performance is an important criteria. But for a school to be chosen, it also has to prove it can sustain the project even after the free Internet connection ends after a year.

"We ask them to develop a sustainability plan. They can turn this (learning center) into a sort of Internet cafe (when the free connection expires), make it available to the public or to other teachers to generate revenues," Isberto said.

School heads of the MNHS told the INQUIRER they were already meeting with the parents and teachers association to draw up a sustainability plan.

Smart hopes to implement the program in at least 50 schools nationwide.

Aside from the MNHS, the pilot school in Luzon, the program is also being launched at the Science and Technology Education Center in Lapu-Lapu City in Cebu and the Jolo National High School in Sulu.

A wounded hero rises from among bombing victims

By DJ Yap

KNOWN by neighbors as a Good Samaritan, Tabernilla is shown in these photos by the Agence France Presse helping fellow victims of the Valentine's Day bombing in Makati City.

PDI PHOTO

THE AFTERMATH of terror is a true test of character.

Apolinar Tabernilla passed that test on Valentine's Day, when, in the eyes of other victims of the Makati blast, he was a hero.

The 45-year-old curtain installer was among those wounded after a bomb tore through a bus along Edsa. Tabernilla was on a Roval Transit bus on his way home to Alabang, Muntinlupa, when the RRCG bus in front exploded.

He felt pain on his forehead and ringing in his ears. Blood trickled down his face and he realized that he had been wounded by fragments of glass and debris from the blast. His vision started to blur and his eyes began to water.

Tabernilla and the other passengers rushed to the exit. He told the others to get away from the bus because it might also explode. He led about 10 other victims toward a loading bay to get a ride to the hospital.

Tabernilla then saw a woman —a Landmark employee judging from her uniform— sitting hysterical on a gutter. Her face was all bloodied, and he knew she needed help quickly. He had no handkerchief with him, so he dashed back to the bus to get the cloth from the toolbox he had left there.

Pressing the cloth to the woman's bleeding face, he took her to his side, and told her everything was going to be all right. They were about to cross the road to board a jeepney when Tabernilla saw another badly injured woman.

"She seemed in shock. She just refused to move," he said, speaking in Filipino. He waited for onlookers to help them, but no one moved.

"There were many people around, but no one helped us. I had to take the other woman in my other arm," he said. The police were too busy helping the injured passengers of the RRCG bus to take notice of them, he said.

With the two women in each side, he managed to board a jeepney with a few other blast victims. The sympathetic driver took one look at them and drove them to the Makati Medical Center.

Even then, Tabernilla still held the women until the hospital workers helped them to the stretchers and took them to the emergency room. He waved away the nurses who wanted to take a look at him and told them to tend to the women first. His wounds could wait, he told them.

When he was finally being treated for his injuries, Tabernilla kept turning to his side whenever the TV cameras panned to him: He didn't want his family to worry about him.

Tabernilla had not noticed that photographers already captured scenes of him assisting the women from the jeepney to the hospital. In one photo, he is seen assisting a bloodied woman in a jeepney.

In another photo, he is shown helping another victim. In both photos, blood was running down Tabernilla's forehead.

The series of photos was taken by the wire agencies, Agence France Presse and Associated Press. The INQUIRER tracked down Tabernilla and his story through the pictures.

A native of Pila, Laguna, Tabernilla is the father of two daughters and two sons, and the husband of Delia Davila.

Though his family survives on his meager earnings from contractual curtain installation projects, he manages to send his children—from ages 21 to 13—to school.

He rents a place in UP Site, near Bayanan in Alabang, where he stays on weekdays between jobs, and goes home to Laguna every weekend.

Tabernilla said he should not be called a hero because what he did was small compared to the help given by the hospitals and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, which had funded his and the other victims' medical fees.

Still, his eldest daughter Lordelyn is very proud of her father.

A self-described "Daddy's girl," Lordelyn said she couldn't help but cry when Tabernilla told her of what had happened. "Why didn't you take care (of yourself)?" she remembered scolding him afterward.

But Lordelyn said she was not surprised to learn about how her father helped the women.

"People always turn to him for help, and he never refuses them," she said.

"He's a good person."

QC gas blast hurts 5

By Tina G. Santos

OLD, LEAKY pipes are believed to be the culprit in a gas explosion that hurt five people yesterday morning in a culinary school in Quezon City.

Police identified those hurt as Jacky Belino Geronimo, 20; Leary Papa, 16; Aristotle Maligaya Tong, 20; Jhudee Quival, 19; and Angeline Verada, 23.

In a statement, the Center for Culinary Arts (CCA) said the blast occurred at 10:10 a.m. in one of its kitchens in the four-story Cravings Building on Katipunan Avenue.

It said no one was seriously hurt in the incident that CCA confirmed was a gas line accident.

Fire Inspector Ian Guerrero said gas that had leaked was probably ignited when someone turned on the lights in the kitchen.

Because of the incident, CCA officials suspended classes starting Monday to enable safety checks on its facilities. Classes would resume as soon as fire officials give them clearance.

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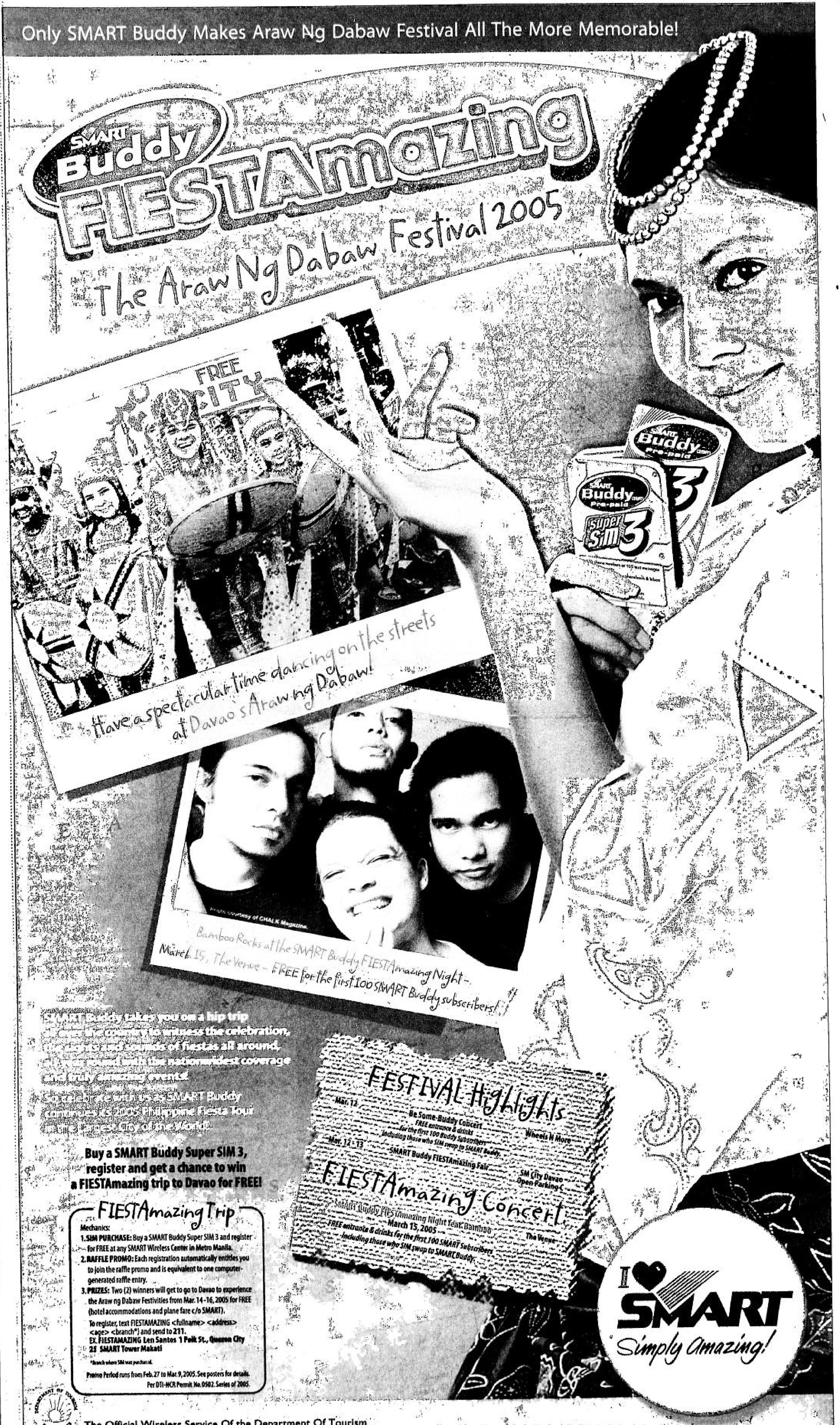

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Erratic Jenny hangs on with up-down 69

ROSALES celebrates birdie on the final hole. AP

KAHUKU, Hawaii—Jennifer Rosales kept her focus on a day that was by turns windy, rainy and sunny, posting a three-under 69 to hang on to her two-shot lead after Friday's second round of the LPGA tournament at Turtle Bay Resort Golf Club.

Following a bogey-free first round, Rosales' second round effort was more erratic, but her nine-under total of 135 kept her in front of American Reilly Rankin, who had seven birdies in a 66 for 137.

"The wind was the same (as yesterday)," said Rosales, of the Philippines. "The first hole, I hit it too long and after that, it kind of got weird. I putted really terrible and missed a lot of putts, but I hung in there."

Rosales opened with a bogey but bounced back with a pair of birdies before dropping another shot at the fifth.

Rosales picked up one more birdie in the front nine before a scrambling inward run.

After bogeys at 10 and 11, Rosales parred the next two holes then birdied 14. She closed the round with three straight birdies to make something of the day.

"I made a bogey on 10 and a bogey on 11, the same putt distance-wise," Rosales said. "I was getting frustrated, and that did not help at all.

"I was not in my routine, so I told my caddie to give me a good yardage that I could trust and I tried to hit it there. It started on 14 when I made a birdie. That kind of kept me going."

Rankin also was successful on the back nine, collecting four birdies after beginning with a bogey on 10—her only one of the round.

"I think I was driving my caddie nuts," Rankin said. "I would put my rain pants on and take them off. It would rain pretty good, so it is all patience and taking your time." Rankin did admit the wind forced her to play cautiously.

"I thought in Hawaii when it blows that it was a consistent wind, but out there, there are some gusts," she said. "I backed off some chips and putts. I remember one chip in particular because a big gust came through."

Cristie Kerr was three shots behind Rosales after a 68 for 138, and Rosie Jones was four adrift after a 69 for 139.

Teenage amateur sensation Michelle Wie—playing in the first of her six sponsor's exemption events on the LPGA Tour this year—offset two bogeys with four birdies for a 70 that pulled her even with Mexico's Lorena Ochoa and South Korean Hee-Won Han, five shots off the pace.

"I wanted to be a little bit closer, but the way the winds are blowing today, I think four-under (through two rounds) is a good score," Wie said.

"I think I was playing a lot smarter today. Yesterday, I think I was a little too conservative and laying up. Today, I went for most of the greens and the par-fives, and I think I did better."

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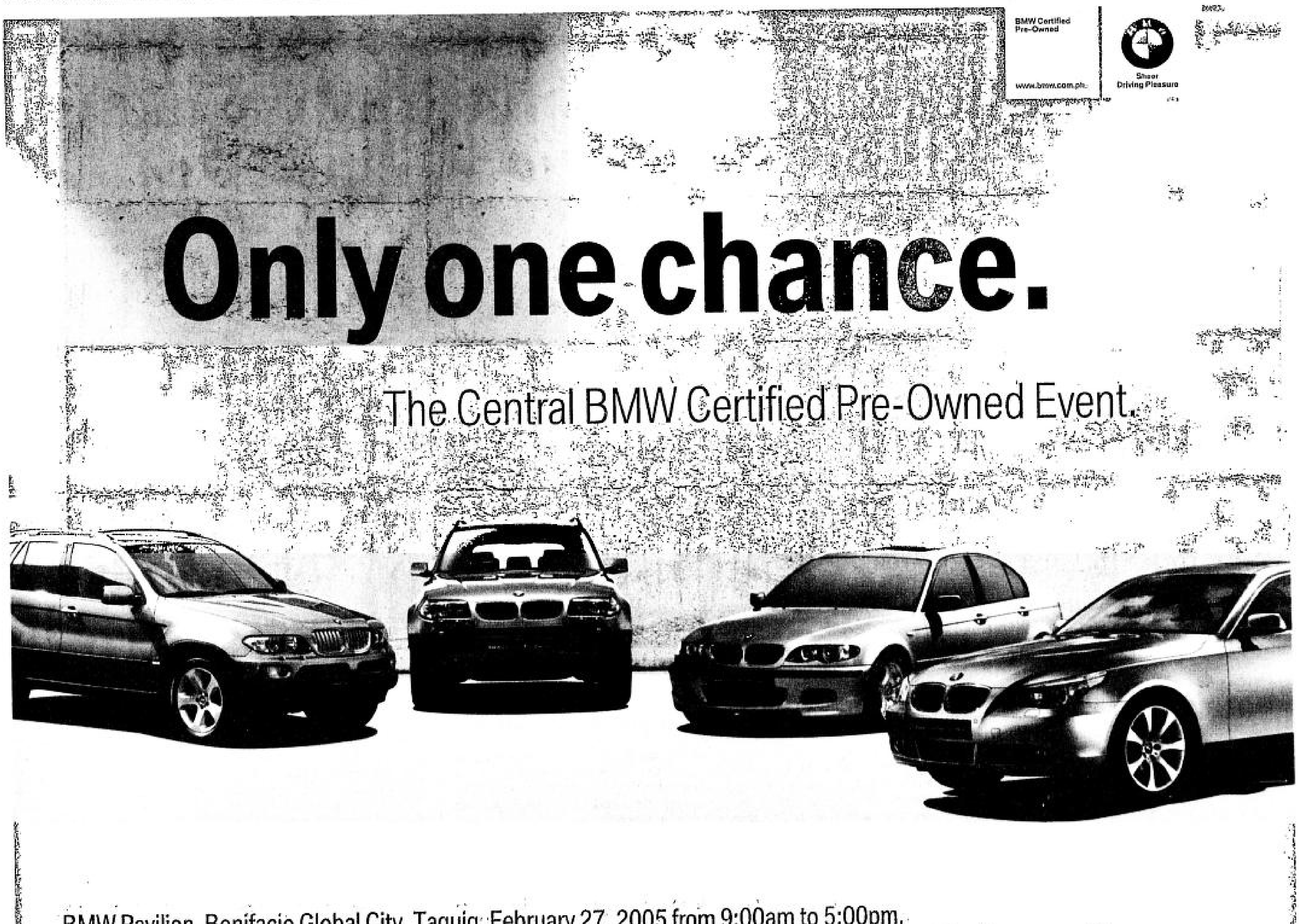

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Favored Luisita ahead; Canlubang just 4 down

Manotoc takes PAL Interclub individual lead with 68

CANLUBANG'S Tommy Manotoc nails his third and last birdie on No. 18 of the Bacolod Golf and Country Club. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

By Musong R. Castillo

MURCIA, Negros Occidental—Despite a bad back and all, Alex Montelibano churned out an even-par 70 at Binitin here yesterday, boosting history-seeking Luisita to a precarious four-point lead over Canlubang with 18 holes to play in the senior championship division of the PAL Interclub.

His 54-point total led the Luisitans' 244 output for the day, while the Sugar Barons rode Tommy Manotoc's two-under 68, worth 56 points, to the hilt and stayed on course to foiling the defending champions' aspirations for a six-peat at Marapara today.

Francis Gaston, another hurting standout for Luisita, chipped in with 50 points, and Iggy Clavecilla and Richie Garcia signed for 48s to go with Bong De Guzman's 44 to complete the Luisita card.

Carlo Gamban shot a 43 and did not count together with King Sumulong's 42 and Tommy Joson's 39.

All but one

Manotoc, who wants to give up his spot in the regular men's team to a younger and promising player, hit all but the par-4 sixth green where he found the bunker and took his only bogey for the round.

The 55-year-old defending champion nailed a 15-foot sidehill putt on the par-3 18th for the last of his three birdies that completed what he said was one of his "best competitive rounds in a while."

Then he declared stopping Luisita, contrary to the general belief, is possible.

"There's a possibility," said Manotoc of Canlubang's chances. "But we have to play above our heads, get the team's last two scores up and then we'll see."

Bayo Adriano, a warehouse man at Canlubang, backed up Manotoc with a 51, but the Sugar Barons got sub 50 scores from the rest with Rolly Viray signing for a 47, Tony Olives a 44 and Lino Magpantay a 42 for their 240 tally.

The scores of Bing Bunyi (41), Japanese Yoshihiko Akasaka (38) and Akiyoshi Miyazaki (31) were thrown away by the Sugar Barons, who will come into the final round seven-up on third placed Alabang, which got 49s from Edwin Arcilla and Gilbert Martires.

Butch Brodett signed for a 48 to lead Southwoods to a 225 total and fourth spot, with Freddie Mendoza and Florene Delos Santos accounting for 45s, Ben Borja 44 and either of Cres Bendijo and Ken Onda's 43 counting.

Greater Chicago Golf (159) and MSU Golf (148) brought up the rear in the Championship division.

Hawaiian charge

Hawaii Fil-Am came charging back from 26 points down to wrest the Sportswriters Division crown with a final day 226 and a 403 total, nipping Camp Evangelista by one point over at the Marapara layout in Bacolod.

In 15th spot with 177 at the start of the day, Hawaii Fil-Am leap-frogged to the top after getting 52 points from Mike Carrillo and 46 from Oscar Garcia. Pat Viernes (45), Jessie Magaday (42) and Rick Santos (41) were the team's other scorers.

NGAP head Benny Gopez of Riviera misses his putt on No. 5.

Celio Inovero scored 45 points to lead Evangelista, which stood in seventh place at the start of the final round. Joey Medalla scored 43 points, Vic Arangon contributed 42 and Rey Deleste and Joedee Denosta signed for 40s for Evangelista.

Aguinaldo 197-390, Philippine Navy 186-389, Mactan Coral 186-384, Eagle Ridge 197-382, Ang Tay Golf 182-379, Intramuros 187-375, Sienna 191-374 and San Juanico 181-370, made up the final top 10 in the Sportswriters Division.

Bautista ace

Meanwhile, Toto Bautista of Villamor scored the second ace of his career, holing his 6-iron shot with a Titleist Pro V1 ball on the downhill 180-yard par-3 10th of Binitin.

He won a first-class, round-trip ticket to anywhere in the United States West Coast for his feat, according to Jess Garcia, assistant vice-president for advertising and promotions of Philippine Airlines.

Incidentally, Bautista's ace spiked one of Villamor's 51 points and a 232 total for a four-point lead over Negros Occidental Golf Club at the start of Founders Division play.

Teddy Yabes was responsible for the second 51, while former NGAP secretary-general Rico Javier submitted a 46. Tetsuo Ochi had 44 and Villamor GM Roberto Sabularse was good enough for a 40 that completed Villamor's total.

Wack Wack was in third with a 224, while Valley stood in fourth, four points back. Orchard was another 11 shots further adrift with 209.

Friendship leader

Friendship Division action, where Davao's Apo Golf leads by two points over Maharlika, took a break yesterday and will be concluded today at Binitin.

Pagcor, ABS-CBN International, Airbus, GE Aircraft Engines, Boeing, Mastercard International, Globe Platinum, Joey 92.3, Royal Caribbean International and People Asia are the major sponsors of the annual tournament.

Fortune Tobacco, Radio Mindanao Network, Premier Wine and Spirits, Star Cruises and 96.3 WRock are the corporate backers, with RJ Broadcasting Network, Century Park Hotel, Asia Brewery Inc., INQ7.net, Tanduay Rhum, Air Philippines and Legend Hotel the minor sponsors.

Bustamante, Pagulayan forge clash of titans

By Marlon Bernardino
Contributor

FRANCISCO "Django" Bustamante bucked a foul-ridden break to hammer out a decisive 11-4 victory over Gandy Valle, and Alex Pagulayan overcame Antonio Gabica, 11-6, last night to set up a title clash in the P1-million Hope All-Filipino Billiards Open at the IBC-13 Studio in Quezon City.

The race-to-15 championship match between two of the world's greatest cue masters will be played starting at 7:30 p.m. today.

The lion's purse of P500,000 will go to the winner of the first all-Filipino Open since 1992, when Jose "Amang" Parica downed Eduardo Villanueva, 15-14, for the crown.

"I was just lucky," said Bustamante in Filipino. "I won despite having too many fouls."

Valle, who knocked out Lee Vann Corteza, 9-5, Thursday night to enter the semifinals, failed to take advantage of Bustamante's miscues and crashed out despite drawing first blood after winning the lag.

Bustamante took the next four frames, and the only time the Davao-raised Valle pounced on a miscue by his opponent was in the sixth frame, which he won as he closed in at 4-2.

But Bustamante pulled off back-to-back wins to make it 6-2, including an ace in the eighth frame that came despite a female fan flashing a camera just as the pool icon launched his break.

BUSTAMANTE: Error-prone escape. PDI PHOTO

Valle came within 7-4, but Bustamante pocketed four straight frames to close out the win in the alternate-break format.

Pagulayan, the reigning world champion, took the first two racks before zooming to a big 8-2 edge.

Although Gabica seized the next four racks to threaten at 8-6, Pagulayan put it all away by taking the next three racks with a flourish.

It was a disappointing defeat for Valle, whose earlier efforts had clinched for him a ticket to the kick-off leg of the 2005 Asian 9-ball Tour in Singapore from Mar. 4-6, alongside early qualifiers Gabica, Bustamante and Efren "Bata" Reyes.

Pagulayan reached the semifinals after eliminating giant slayer Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat with a convincing 9-4 triumph Thursday night. The Filipino-Canadian said he learned his lessons well in a loss to Bustamante earlier.

"I thought I would lose again the way I lost to Django, where I had a big lead only to come up short in the end," Pagulayan said.

"I learned my lesson well."

The tournament, backed by Hope, More, Mark, Champion, Motolite, Cafe Puro, Emperador and Talk 'N Text, is organized by Puyat Sports boss Aristeo "Putch" Puyat and Jemah Television president Mark Roces, with Rolando Vicente as tourney director.

The runner-up will receive P200,000.

A world record for Nyoks

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BACOLOD CITY—Despite his busy schedule in Congress as this city's representative, Monico "Nyoks" Puentevella still found time to take a break and grace the opening of the PAL Interclub Golf Championship on Thursday, February 24.

"I have always loved this tournament," he said. "It gives me great honor to be invited as one of its guests."

A buddy of mine for years now starting from the days when he was still a commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission—a good one, I must tell you—the good-natured congressman joined PAL president Jimmy Bautista, Interclub chair Domeng Duerme and other local hotshots in the hitting of ceremonial balls Thursday at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club in Marapara. Applauding lustily after each shot fired were PAL top guns Rollie Estabillo, Jess Garcia and Eugene Labadan, among others.

Puentevella, who insists that I should call him Nyoks "as nothing has changed *naman*, we are still buddies and it will remain that way forever," has made golf his game after being into tennis for decades.

"Golf, I finally realized, is a game that makes you a complete person," Nyoks said to me one time.

And I remember telling him, "Golf is for everybody. It can be played by a kid of five or anyone, including even aged a hundred and five."

He shot back: "Aha, there's a line in a song that says, 'If you can survive, to a hundred and five.' You got me there, buddy."

Of course, Nyoks was referring to a famous Sinatra ditty—was it "Young at Heart"?

Indeed, to every golfer, golf is for the young at heart since how can an octogenarian or even a ninety-plus play the game if he/she doesn't think young all the time?

I was not surprised that he knew the song. Nyoks was a former Tawag ng Tanghalan champion, the chief singing rival of Joe Mari Chan when they were still in high school here.

I remember Nyoks telling me the first time he ran for Congress that his singing prowess helped him defeat his political rival. He was a greenhorn, up against a powerful block, but that didn't deter him from pursuing a childhood dream: Serve the people.

"You know what I did?" said Nyoks. "Even in my visits to prison cells during the campaign trail, I always made it a point to also sing to people behind bars. My voice is a gift of God that I must share, whether one is rich or poor, young or old, educated or uneducated."

He said that Jimmy Bautista, the newly installed PAL president, is his friend from way back.

"For every chance that I'll be with him, I won't miss it," Nyoks said of Jimmy. "We've known each other for years. Jimmy's an angel."

Nyoks will attempt to do a world record on March 2, when he flies to Manila from here and then hopes to catch another plane that leaves for Istanbul 30 minutes after Nyoks' scheduled landing at the Naia. That schedule suddenly cropped up when Nyoks was informed PGMA would be here March 2.

"She is my boss, so I can leave only after she has left Bacolod," Nyoks said.

The Istanbul trip is in line with his job as president of the country's weightlifting association.

"I need to catch that plane in Manila or I will miss the election of our new officers in Istanbul," he said.

Here's praying you won't miss your plane, Nyoks. How about sounding off Jimmy Bautista about the photo-finish thing regarding your trip? Jimmy can always do magic with PAL's pilots, right?

There's no traffic in the skies to begin with.

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FASTBREAK. As always, Jun Canton, sales and services manager of PAL's Mactan Ticket Office, is here manning the Media Center of the 58th PAL Interclub. As Rollie Estabillo's vice chair of PR and Publicity Committee, Jun Canton takes care of the needs of sportswriters and columnists as they do their work at the cool and clean Media Center, thanks to Ramon Uy, the house committee chair of host Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club in Marapara. Of course, Jun Canton is ably backstopped by Rosie Dizon, administrative manager of PAL's Corporate Communications in Manila; Eugene Labadan, Chief-Photo/Video PAL Manila; Pinky Mag-iba, executive secretary, corporate communications PAL Manila; staff photographer Bobby Toriano, Lito Hibo and Jonathan Gesmundo, PALiner editorial consultant.

PMI confident of defending students' crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes

DUMAGUETE CITY—Philippine Maritime Institute, bannered by the same team that captured the title last year, is confident of keeping the seniors crown against a bunch of crack squads from all over the country when the National Students basketball championship starts here today.

The Admirals, who beat University of Perpetual Help-Daltas System in Lucena City for last year's crown, arrived here two days ago, well ahead of heavyweights like University of Santos Tomas, which came in just yesterday.

"It's going to be a war," said PMI coach Diosdado Santiago. "We have prepared for this long and hard because we want to win again."

While PMI appeared armed to the teeth, UST just brought in its "combination of Team A and B," according to coach Nel Parado, who added that the Tigers' A-list players, among them Jemal Vizcarra, are busy with their studies.

The Tigers, who are in the process of rebuilding after a dismal seventh-place finish in the UAAP last year, lost to UPH-Daltas System in the NCR eliminations last month.

Salazar Institute of Technology, Bohol Institute of Technology, University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos and host Silliman University will be the main contenders from the South in this 59-year-old tournament being held here for the first time.

Junior division defending champion San Beda will also see action, while Ateneo de Manila leads the teams competing in the women's division in the absence of Lyceum.

The Red Cubs have an intact lineup, but coach Ato Badolato said they can't be so sure of their chances.

More than 600 athletes and officials converged here for the tourney, with Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz and Dumaguete City Mayor Agustin Percides formally welcoming the 21 senior, 17 junior and seven women's teams.

They will join a parade starting at the Quezon Park before heading to the Lamberto Macias Gym where the games start at 10:30 a.m.

No eligibility short cuts for cagers–Eala

ALAPAG

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ARIGO

By June Navarro

A DUAL citizenship is certainly not a ticket for eligibility for foreign-born players in the Philippine Basketball Association.

Commissioner Noli Eala made this stand after some players applied for dual citizenship in a bid to go around the new eligibility rules imposed by the league on foreign-born Filipino cagers.

"We could probably consider it (dual citizenship) in the future but for now, the players should comply with the eligibility requirements that the (PBA) board has approved," said Eala.

"It's basically the same documents they had submitted before, so I don't see any problem with respect to completing the requirements."

At least 21 foreign-born players are required to furnish the PBA authenticated copies of their birth certificates, parents' marriage contract and birth certificates, among others, aside from recognition and confirmation documents from the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation and the Department of Justice.

Apart from these documents, the players should also submit the naturalization papers of their parents and notarized affidavits of at least three individuals attesting to their claim to Filipino citizenship.

With the Reinforced Conference set to open on March 4, the foreign-born players have less than a week left to comply with the new documentary requirements for eligibility.

Failure to do so will force the PBA to indefinitely suspend these foreign-bred cagers until they submit the additional citizenship papers required by the league's board.

The players, who applied for dual citizenship with the BID, have refused to come out in the open pending the result of their application.

Eala said the board will meet on Monday to tackle the issue and other league concerns.

"Unless the (PBA) board extends the March 1 deadline, we will push through with what has already been deliberated on," said Eala.

As of yesterday, no one among the 21 foreign-bred players have completed the new set of eligibility guidelines.

The players who were asked to adhere to the guidelines are Coca-Cola's Rafi Reavis, Rob Wainwright, John Arigo and Ali Peek; Noy Castillo and Mike Hrabak of Purefoods; Shell's Chris Jackson and Kalani Ferreria; Harvey Carey and Jimmy Alapag of Talk 'N Text;

Alaska's Brandon Cablay, Sonny Thoss, Rob Duat, Mike Cortez and Rob Johnson; Nic Belasco, Danny Seigle and Dorian Peña of San Miguel Beer; and Barangay Ginebra's James Wallkvist, Eric Menk and Andy Seigle.

In the absence of their parents' marriage contract, the players should either secure a legal recognition from one of their parents or a proof of filiation, including DNA test results.

The same set of documentary requirements will also be applied to foreign-born rookie applicants seeking to join the Aug. 7 PBA draft and players who were earlier suspended by the league based on a Justice department ruling that they faked their citizenship.

Boysen Cup loop gets going today

SIX teams, led by the Philippine Chinese Friendship Basketball League (PCFBL) squad, are featured in the opening of the Boysen Paints Cup of the PCFBL-Aces basketball tournament today at the Tanduay Gym in Quiapo.

PCFBL faces Ironcon Builders and Development Corp. right after the opening ceremonies scheduled at 10 a.m., while Monolith Construction and Development Corp. tackles Pacific Paints Boysen Philippines Inc. at 12 noon.

The third game between Welcoat Paint Masters and Yatai International Corp. is set at 1:30 p.m.

Other teams entered in the two-month long tournament, which aims to foster camaraderie among employees of the participating firms and among members of the construction business community are Alpha 7 Trades Inc., Charter Chemical and Coating Corp., and RBT Dynamics/Techwerk System Corp.

Jimi Lim, president of the PCFBL, will deliver the keynote address during the opening rites.

After the one-round eliminations, the two top teams automatically advance to the semifinals with a twice-to-beat edge.

In the semis, the No. 1 team plays the winner of the knockout game between No. 3 and No. 6 squads, while the No. 2 qualifier meets the survivor of the No. 4 and No. 5 knockout clash.

The semifinal survivors move into the winner-take-all title match.

Reyes taking time on case of ace guards

PHILIPPINE team coach Chot Reyes is agonizing over the status of ace but injured playmakers Mike Cortez, Willie Miller and Jayjay Helterbrand.

With all three key guards still on sick bay with different injuries, Reyes—who plans to announce his final 18 players on March 1 at the PSA Forum—is taking his time before sitting down with his high-powered coaching staff to "talk about it."

Helterbrand, Ginebra's top playmaker, fractured a leg in Game 5 of the PBA Philippine Cup semifinals and could be out for at least four more weeks.

Miller, the crowd-pleasing Talk 'N Text guard, sprained a foot in Game 2 against the Kings and the swelling could take at least two more weeks to subside.

Cortez, on the other hand, overstretched his back doing pre-practice warmups with the Alaska Aces and aggravated the strain when he proceeded to join the scrimmage with his teammates.

Miller and Cortez, unlike Helterbrand, have been showing up, however, in the RP training pool's morning workouts at the Moro Lorenzo Sports Center on the Ateneo campus.

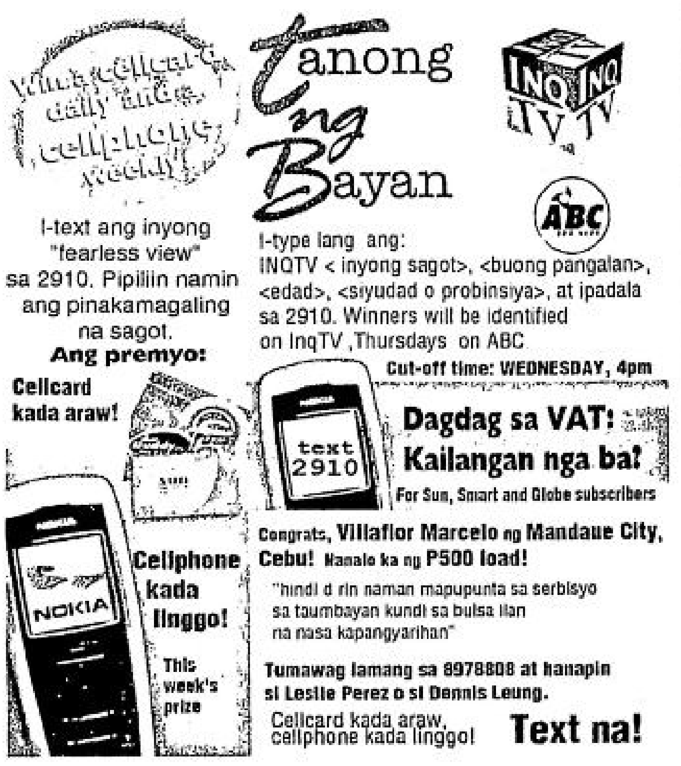
"Cortez isn't too much of a problem because he has already attended practice for about a week, while Miller has been coming in daily," said Reyes. "We will be taking that into consideration. We're not going to make the injury an excuse for them not to get in if, in our evaluation, they deserve to be in."

Reyes, who is preparing the RP team for the Asian Basketball Confederation tourney in Qatar this year, will be conferring with former RP-Asian Games coaches Norman Black, Tim Cone and Jong Uichico—his close-in advisers—as well as with assistants Binky Favis and Aboy Castro, by week's end.

Being physically present during the sessions is the least he could do, Miller said.

Cortez's back strain is not that serious, however. "The doctor said I just had to rest it for about a week, then I'm OK," he said.

Alternating at the point guard spot during the workouts are Jimmy Alapag, Helterbrand's backcourt partner Mark Caguioa, Purefoods' Noy Castillo, FedEx's Renren Ritualo, and Ateneo's LA Tenorio, one of four amateurs on the roster of aspirants.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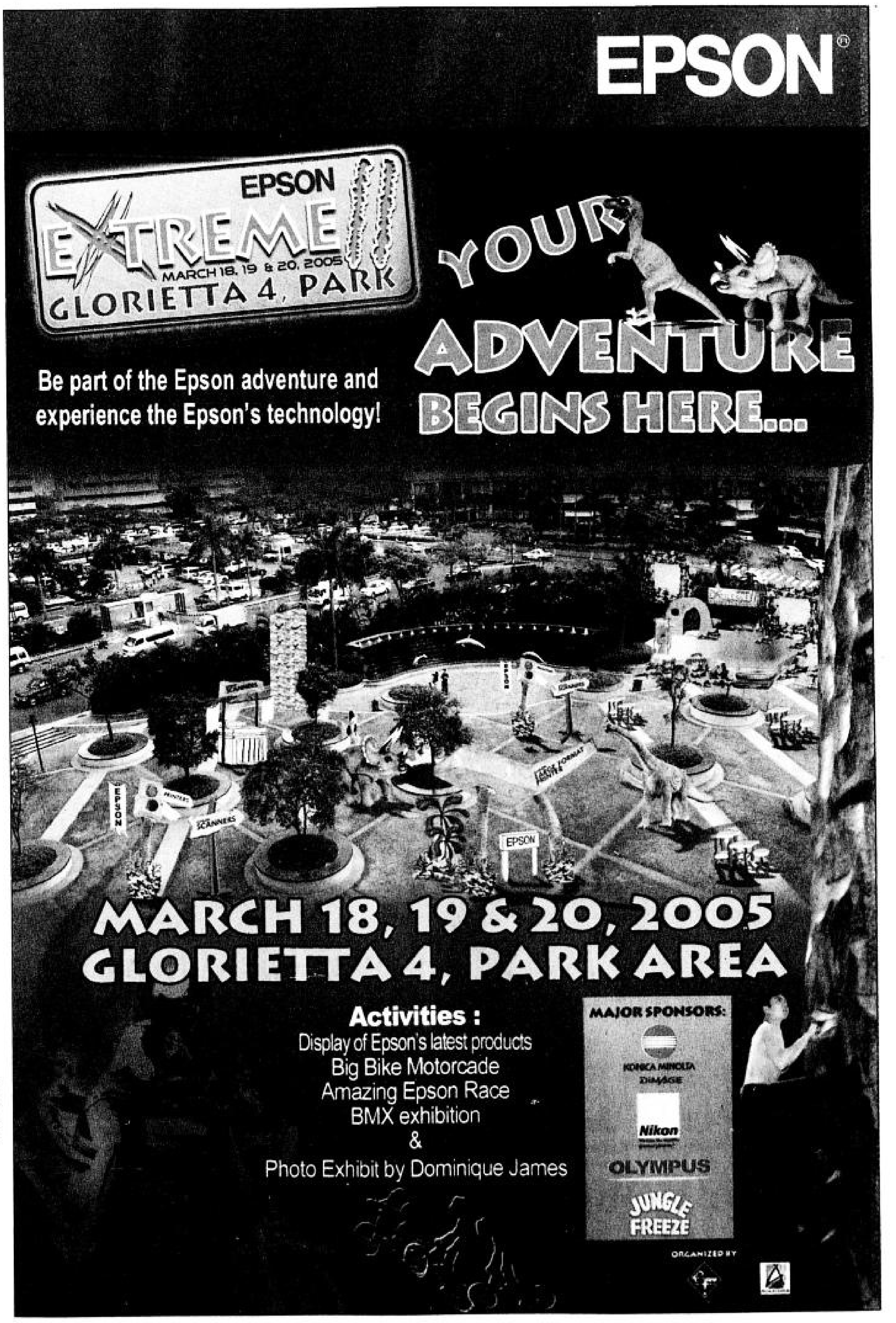
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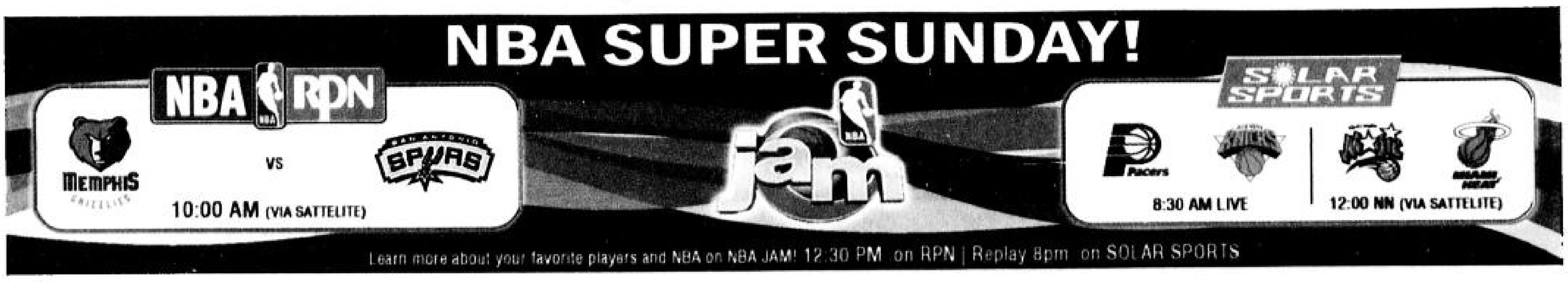
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Top guns vanish quickly

Singh, Woods, Mickelson crash out of Match Play

CARLSBAD, California—As quickly as 1-2-3, the biggest stars disappeared in the Match Play Championship.

Vijay Singh, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson all went down Friday in surprising losses, with only Mickelson getting into the third round and none of their final matches even going the distance.

The highest seed remaining after a wild day at La Costa was US Open champion Retief Goosen, who rallied from 3 down with eight holes to play and beat hard-luck, worn-out Chad Campbell on the 19th hole.

No one had a longer day than Campbell, who played more holes Friday (43) than he did all week at the Nissan Open, where he lost a one-hole playoff to Adam Scott in a tournament shortened to 36 holes by rain.

Only two of the top-10 seeds were left going into the quarterfinals.

"That's the beauty of this tournament," David Toms said after eliminating Mickelson. "Phil and I were talking today, when he shot that low round at Spyglass (62), you get a big lead on the field. Here, you can do that in one match. And the next match, if you don't play well you're gone."

See ya, Tiger.

He had won 13 consecutive matches during his two-year reign of the Accenture Match Play Championship. He played Nick O'Hern, an unheralded Aussie who hasn't played in this event since he got in as the 39th alternate four years ago in Australia, the year none of the stars showed up.

Woods was no match. O'Hern hit most of the fairways, made all of his important putts and never trailed in a 3-and-1 victory, ending the match with a 3-iron from 200 yards out of the rough to 25 feet and holing the putt.

"If I play solidly, I have a good chance of beating anyone," O'Hern said. "Tiger missed a few putts, which helped me out. But that's golf. You take your chances."

O'Hern hardly suffered an emotional letdown. He promptly birdied his first two holes and easily beat Luke Donald of England, 5 and 4, to reach the quarterfinals against Ian Poulter of England.

First man out

Singh was the first big name out the door, and while it's always surprising when the No. 1 seed gets beaten, this one followed form. Singh has never advanced beyond the second round, and 51-year-old Jay Haas extended that dubious streak with a 3-and-2 victory.

Mickelson was coming off two straight PGA Tour victories and never trailed in his first two matches, making four straight birdies early on to whip Angel Cabrera in the second round.

Toms couldn't keep up with Lefty off the tee, but he kept it in the fairways and made enough medium-length birdie putts that Mickelson began to press, only to fall further behind. The match ended on the 16th hole.

When a marathon day of two rounds in the muck at La Costa finally ended in the gloaming, it was hard to figure out who was the favorite for the $1.3 million prize.

Robert Allenby saw no advantage that the top three seeds would be watching from home.

Anyone can win

"That just says something right there in itself," Allenby said after holding off Kirk Triplett. "It doesn't matter who you play. Anyone in this field can win."

The other candidates:

—Chris DiMarco, who dispatched John Daly in the morning, then never trailed against Haas to win, 2 and 1. DiMarco has played only his fellow Americans the first three rounds and gets another one Saturday morning in the quarterfinals. That would be Stewart Cink, who birdied the 18th hole and beat Davis Love III on the 20th hole.

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—Goosen outlasted Fred Couples in the morning, then rallied to beat Campbell with a 4-foot birdie on the 19th hole. Next up is Allenby, a dangerous player when the putts start falling.

—Scott has looked the most impressive. He beat David Howell of England, then overwhelmed Sergio Garcia in a match of the best two players younger than 25. Scott won three straight holes to end the front nine, then never gave the Spaniard a chance in winning, 4 and 3. He faces Toms in the quarterfinals.

European presence

—Poulter kept a European presence at La Costa. The Englishman won three of the last five holes and defeated Rory Sabbatini, 1 up, to reach the quarterfinals for the second straight year. He faces O'Hern, who is proving to be a dangerous player.

O'Hern had to make a 20-foot putt on the 19th hole to get past Charles Howell III in the opening round, and he has breezed through his next two matches, starting with Woods.

The lanky lefty jumped out to a 2-up lead with a 10-foot birdie on the second hole, and when Woods missed a 3-foot putt on the next hole—a sign of things to come for the two-time champ.

Difference

"I didn't make the putts," Woods said. "That's the difference between winning and losing a match."

It was the first time Woods lost in the Match Play Championship since another unheralded Aussie, Peter O'Malley, knocked him out in the first round three years ago. *AP*

UE, FEU dispute CL title today

GAMES TODAY
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2 p.m.—PCU vs UV
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THE PAST champions of the Champions League both failed to get the desired results in the UAAP last year.

But it doesn't mean defending champion Far Eastern University and University of the East, the 2003 titleholder, will take it easy when they clash for the 3rd Collegiate Champions League crown today at the Makati Coliseum.

The winner-take-all championship duel at 4 p.m. between the University Belt neighbors was forged after the FEU Tamaraws shackled the University of Visayas Lancers and the UE Warriors tripped the Philippine Christian University Dolphins in the semifinals.

Reigning NCAA champion PCU faces perennial Cebu Basketball League championship contender University of Visayas in a battle for third earlier at 2 before the Warriors and the Tamaraws dispute the P500,000 worth of academic scholarships.

"Going against FEU is definitely a tall order for us," said UE coach Dindo Pumaren, whose brilliant run-and-gun strategy has steered the Warriors to the championships.

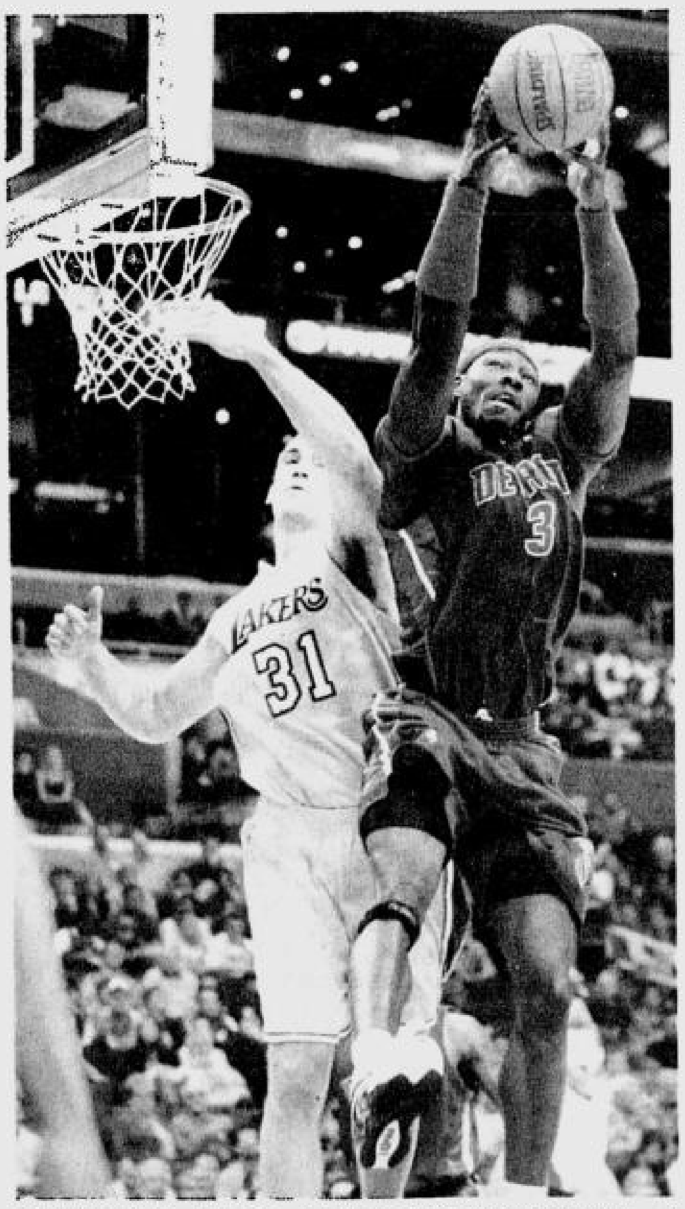
UE's Mark Borboran, a newly acquired 6-foot-4 swingman from the Jose Rizal University Heavy Bombers in the NCAA, has been making heads turn in the tournament sponsored by Petron, Smart Addict, PCSO, Air21, Adidas, Glaxo SKF, Wilson and Pascual Laboratories.

But Borboran will need a lot of help against the Tamaraws, who are noted for their smothering defense and high-percentage outside shooting.

Aside from veterans Arwind Santos, Denok Miranda, RJ Rizada and Mark Isip, the Tamaraws have a deeper bench with Filipino-American rookie-sensation Jonas Villanueva and sophomore Joser Mangahas around.

"We don't want to be complacent," said FEU interim coach Robert Flores. *June Navarro*

Nets tear Bobcats; Pistons rip Lakers


BEN WALLACE and the Detroit Pistons dominate the LA Lakers. AP

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—Rookie Nenad Krstic of Serbia-Montenegro returned to the lineup after missing two game with a viral infection and scored a career-high 25 points to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 93-86 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Friday.

"We definitely missed his big body and what he brings," said teammate Jason Kidd. "He is a very smart player and maybe he just needed a week and a half off."

Vince Carter added 28 points and Kidd had 11 points, nine assists and eight rebounds as the Nets snapped a two-game losing streak by beating the expansion Bobcats for the third time this season.

In Indianapolis, Stephen Jackson scored 28 points, including 11 straight late in the fourth quarter, to help Indiana rout Cleveland, 106-82, in its season-high fifth straight win.

LeBron James scored 21 points on 9-of-25 shooting, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas finished with 20 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks for Cleveland, which lost to the Pacers for the 10th time in its last 11 games.

In Milwaukee, Chris Bosh had 27 points and eight rebounds to lead Toronto over the Bucks, 106-102.

Leading 98-94 with less than a minute to go, Toronto's Donyell Marshall missed a 3-pointer. But Bosh grabbed the rebound and found Morris Peterson for a dunk and a 100-94 lead.

In Chicago, Kirk Hinrich scored 26 points and rookie Ben Gordon added 20 to lead the Bulls past Washington, 97-90.

Othella Harrington added 12 points and rookie Chris Duhon had 11 points and eight assists for Chicago, which moved a season-high four games over .500.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Earl Boykins scored 19 points, including a pair of free throws with 10.1 seconds left as Denver edged Memphis in overtime, 97-94.

Marcus Camby, who had 17 points and 15 rebounds, hit a pair of free throws to give Denver a 95-93 lead with 1:08 left in overtime. The Nuggets shot 34 percent, but hit 44 of 52 foul shots.

In Salt Lake City, Antoine Walker had 24 points and 10 rebounds in his first game back with Boston as the Celtics downed Utah, 109-102.

Walker was acquired from Atlanta on Thursday and quickly resumed his leadership role on offense, making 10 of 18 shots from the field.

In Portland, Oregon, Zach Randolph had 31 points and 12 rebounds, including a go-ahead runner in the lane with 9 seconds left as the Trail Blazers eked out a 102-101 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Al Harrington had 25 points for the Hawks, who dropped their 18th straight road game.

In Seattle, Ray Allen scored 24 of his 32 points after halftime, and the Supersonics rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to frustrate Minnesota, 98-88.

In Los Angeles, Tayshaun Prince scored 26 points and Chauncey Billups added 23 to help Detroit extend its winning streak to six games with a 111-90 rout of the Lakers. *AP*

Royal Blue tabs fourth win

JUNE NAVARRO fired 22 points and teamed up with Erik Arazas in a big fourth quarter push as Royal Blue rolled to its fourth straight win with a 78-59 demolition of defending champion Gray yesterday in the INQUIRER basketball tournament at the Olympia Gym.

Jim Guiao Punzalan added 19 points, Ryan Lim chipped in 13, while Arazas added 12 as the Royal Blue team kept firm grip of the top spot with a 4-0 slate.

Red team clinched its second win in four outings with a 70-63 decision over the White squad in the second game.

Red gained a tie for second to fifth places with White, Gray and Light Blue, which scored a 65-57 victory over winless Yellow in the last match of the day. The four teams carry similar 2-2 cards. Yellow is at 0-4.

Hoop coach suspended for 'goon' tactics

PHILADELPHIA—Temple basketball coach John Chaney has been suspended for the remainder of the regular college season for his comments and actions surrounding a game against Saint Joseph's on Tuesday.

School president David Adamany announced the suspension on Friday, one day after Hawks forward John Bryant was diagnosed with a broken arm as the result of a deliberate foul by Temple's Nehemiah Ingram in Tuesday's game.

Chaney hinted on Monday and admitted after the game that he sent the seldom-used Ingram into the game to get even for what he thought were illegal screens by Saint Joseph's that were not being called by the officials.

Ingram threw several elbows, one connecting to the chin of Hawks center Dwayne Jones. He then fouled Bryant hard under the basket with one hand while using the other to throw the off-balanced Hawk to the floor. Bryant left the game and did not return. He was in obvious pain on the Saint Joseph's bench.

Bryant, a senior, is not likely to play another college basketball game. Ingram, who is 6'8" and 250 pounds, fouled out of the game in just four minutes.

"That's what happens. That's what happens," Chaney said Tuesday. "I'm a mean, ornery, son of a bitch. You understand? When I see something wrong, I try to right it. I try to do the same thing they're doing.

"I'm sending a message," Chaney. "I'm going to send in what we used to do years ago, send in the goons." *Reuters*

Sharapova, Molik reach Qatar final; fuming Henman ousted

DOHA, Qatar—Alicia Molik of Australia upset top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo, 7-6 (11), 6-1, on Friday and will play Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in the Qatar Open final.

Second-seeded Sharapova dispatched Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4, in the other semifinal.

Mauresmo's defeat prevented her from retaking the No. 1 WTA Tour ranking on Monday from Lindsay Davenport, and ended her bid for a second title in two weeks after winning in Antwerp last weekend.

Fourth-seeded Molik, who lost to Mauresmo in the Antwerp semifinals, turned the tables on Friday despite a five-hour rain delay.

"I always expected myself to make it through the weekend here. I am not surprised to see myself in the final," said Molik.

Molik prevailed in the 24-point, first-set tiebreak when Mauresmo netted two consecutive returns after both fought off five set points.

Molik completed the victory with service breaks in the second and sixth games of the second set as a tiring Mauresmo committed a series of mistakes with long returns and poor volleys.

Sharapova broke Hantuchova three times, and has yet to drop a set.

She won her eighth career title at the Tokyo Open this month then took two weeks off to recover from the flu.

"I am excited to be in the final," the 17-year-old Russian said.

In Dubai, Britain's Tim Henman fumed at the rain and the umpire after crashing out of the Dubai Open Friday in a dispiriting 7-5, 6-4 quarterfinal defeat to in-form Croatian Ivan Ljubicic.

In a match punctuated by seven rain delays spread over six hours, third-seeded Henman lost the first set quickly after an eighty-minute delay at five-all in the first set.

He also lost his break of serve not long after a nine-minute delay at 2-0 in the second set, and lost the match very quickly after a forty-minute break at 4-4.

He also twice became embroiled in grumbling at the umpire who several times looked uncertain whether or not to take them off in a stop-go drizzle.

"It was incredibly frustrating," Henman said.

Henman also complained at a line decision in the third game of the second set, which he was convinced denied him a double break of serve.

He was advantage point up on Ljubicic's serve when he struck a return which appeared to land right on the baseline, only for it to be called out by a line judge. *AP, AFP*

MARIA Sharapova sets up a title duel against Alicia Molik. AP

SPORTSWATCH

Galicia, Lunas bow to S. African foes

TWO OF the country's former world title hopes bowed to their respective South African foes yesterday in a pair of title showdowns at the Orient Theatre in East London, South Africa. Roger Galicia, who once reigned as the WBC International bantam champ, knocked down undefeated Gabula Vabaza in the second round, but failed to follow up as he lost by unanimous decision in their 12-round WBA Intercontinental championship bout. It was Galicia's third loss in his last four fights. Rolly Lunas, the former Pan-Asia Boxing Association flyweight champ, figured in the night's best fight against former three-time world champion Masibulele Makepula for the WBC International crown, but also lost by unanimous decision. Lunas, once considered as a bright Filipino world title prospect, took his third defeat in his last five outings. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

Paltongan, De Luna share SBLGI honors

HARRY Paltongan emerged as overall champion while Bong de Luna took low gross honors in the San Beda Law Golf Inc. Grand Inaugural Tournament at the Philippine Navy golf course recently. The group's president, Plaridel J. Bohol II, said the event, backed by Globe and Samsung, drew 116 golfers. The other winners were Jerry Parulan in Class A, Nor Guanlao in Class B, Ben de los Reyes in Class C, Vivian Mawis in Ladies, and F. de los Santos in the guests division. The second and third placers were Garry de Guzman and Ben Malcontento in Class A, James de Leon and Giovanie Lim in Class B, and Justice Jose Mendoza and Manny Magnaye in Class C. Special prizes went to Jack Mendoza for longest drive, Harold Wolf and Noel Cura for most accurate drive, Nor Guanlao for nearest the pin, and Connie Santos for longest putt.

Brazilian martial arts training on offer

THE PROGRESSIVE Fighting Alliance (Profight) has opened its doors to martial arts enthusiasts willing to learn the Machado-Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, a discipline which has produced quite a following across the world. Profight head Michael Plata, the only sanctioned instructor of the discipline in the country, has been conducting training programs to boost the image of the sport that won several major tournaments for the Philippines overseas. Plata said Profight also offers muay thai and vale tudo disciplines besides the martial art of Machado-Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. Interested parties may call or text Mike Plata at 0918-6157507. Profight academy is located at OM SPA Fitness Center, 1829 L.M. Guerrero St., Malate, Manila.

Build a School

GOLF FOR A CAUSE: Top finishers of the Chairman's Cup Golf Tournament of the Chamber of Real State and Brokers Association pose with their trophies at the Sta. Elena Golf Club recently. From left, back row: Class D champion Valentino Albano, Class C runner-up Cathy Yulo; DepEd Assistant Secretary Teodoro Catindig and Creba Golf Club president Flor Ofrecio. Front row, from left, Class D runner-up Marcus Cuisa, Class C champion Nolly Torres, Class B champion Manny Ramos, overall winner Lewis Wong, Class champion Eller Garcia and Class B runner-up Rolly Cipriano.

Big wins for Bunyi, Gonzales

GINO Bunyi and reigning Junior World champ JR Gonzales scored unchallenged victories in boys' Class A and Class D, respectively, of the 2005 Samsung Junior Golf Monthly Tournament recently at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club.

The burly Bunyi, a member of the Junior Putra Cup team who calls Aguinaldo his home course, carded a four-under-par 65 and prevailed by 10 strokes over Miko Yee in the division for players 15-17 years old while Gonzales (79) finished eight ahead of Bino de la Paz in the 9-10 years age group.

Marcel Puyat beat Mig Arevalo in a sudden-death playoff for the Class C title after both players wound up tied with similar 79s and Steven Bolivar (74) edged Rocco Sumabat by one for the Class B plum to complete the boys' winners in the tourney sponsored by Samsung and General Santiago of Camp Aguinaldo.

In the girls' side, Korean lass Park So Jung (85) defeated Mabel Salivio by two in Class A, Regan de Guzman (77) nipped Paulina Sotto by one in Class B, Ma-an Legaspi (80) won by a big margin over Angelica Datingaling (97) in Class C and Andie Unson (80) was a runaway winner in Class D with Marvi Monsalve finishing second (101).

Over at the Riviera Sports Club, AR Ramos and Princess Superal were the winners in Class E. In Class F, Ryan Monsalve took the boys' plum with a 75 while Janella Buen routed the field with an 87.

Meanwhile, Jungolf president Raoul Lachica announced yesterday that the general membership meeting will be held on March 5, Saturday, starting at 2 p.m. at the conference room of the Makati Golf Club.

Important matters will be discussed during the meeting, including the series of tournaments for the coming summer circuit starting with the 2005 Samsung Jungolf Interclub on March 28-30 at the Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club.

The other tournaments will be played at Camp John Hay April 5-7, Tat Filipinas/Riviera April 11-13, Canlubang/Riviera April 18-20, Sherwood Hills/Riviera April 25-27, Tagaytay Midlands/Riviera May 2-4, Riviera May 9-11 and the National Juniors/Montecillo Cup at Manila Southwoods/Riviera May 17-20.

Go's men bungle record run again

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE PHILIPPINE Amateur Track and Field Association assumed full responsibility for bungling what could have been a national record feat by De La Salle sprinter Ralph Waldy Soguilon.

Patafa president Go Teng Kok apologized to Soguilon yesterday after the International Amateur Athletic Federation disregarded the new 200-meter national mark set by Soguilon during the last UAAP meet due to the lack of a wind gauge.

"We're very sorry that this happened," said Go. "Patafa is admitting its error. We're accepting the blame because those who officiated the race were all Patafa officials. We did not make sure that the proper equipment was in place when the competition was held."

Soguilon clocked 21.43 seconds in the 200-m dash last Feb. 18 to shatter Isidro del Prado's 20-year-old-national record of 21.44 seconds.

The 21-year-old Soguilon expressed disappointment, but said he's willing to prove that his achievement was no fluke.

"I've still broken the record no matter what," noted Soguilon. "I just have to move on and I'm looking forward to the National Open."

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It was the second time the IAAF refused to recognize Soguilon's record-breaking feat and for the same reason.

"I just hope that in every competition, we will now follow the IAAF rules," he said. "What if it happens again to another athlete? *Sayang ang* (it's a wasted) effort," said Soguilon, who also blew a chance to break the national record in the 100-m dash in 2002.

But Go hoped that the experience would not dishearten the 21-year-old Soguilon.

"He's still young so we're challenging him to duplicate or surpass his record in the National Open this year," said Go. "Patafa wants to recognize his feat but we really can't do anything. It's beyond our capacity. IAAF clarified that it would mean breaking the rules. But the Patafa board promises that this will not happen again."

Crack Koreans sweep Eagle Ridge scramble

KOREAN teams dominated the recent members scramble of the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club played at the Faldo course of the country's biggest golf club in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Shin Na-song and Kim Jin-joo combined for a whopping 13-under-par 58 to emerge the overall champion, beating by two compatriots Baek Yoon Sang-Byun Jin Jae, who settled for the Division I trophy.

Kim So-young-Kim Sang-hyun placed second with a 63, prevailing over the tandem of Kim Sang-hyun-Lim Hugo Martin after a countback for second place.

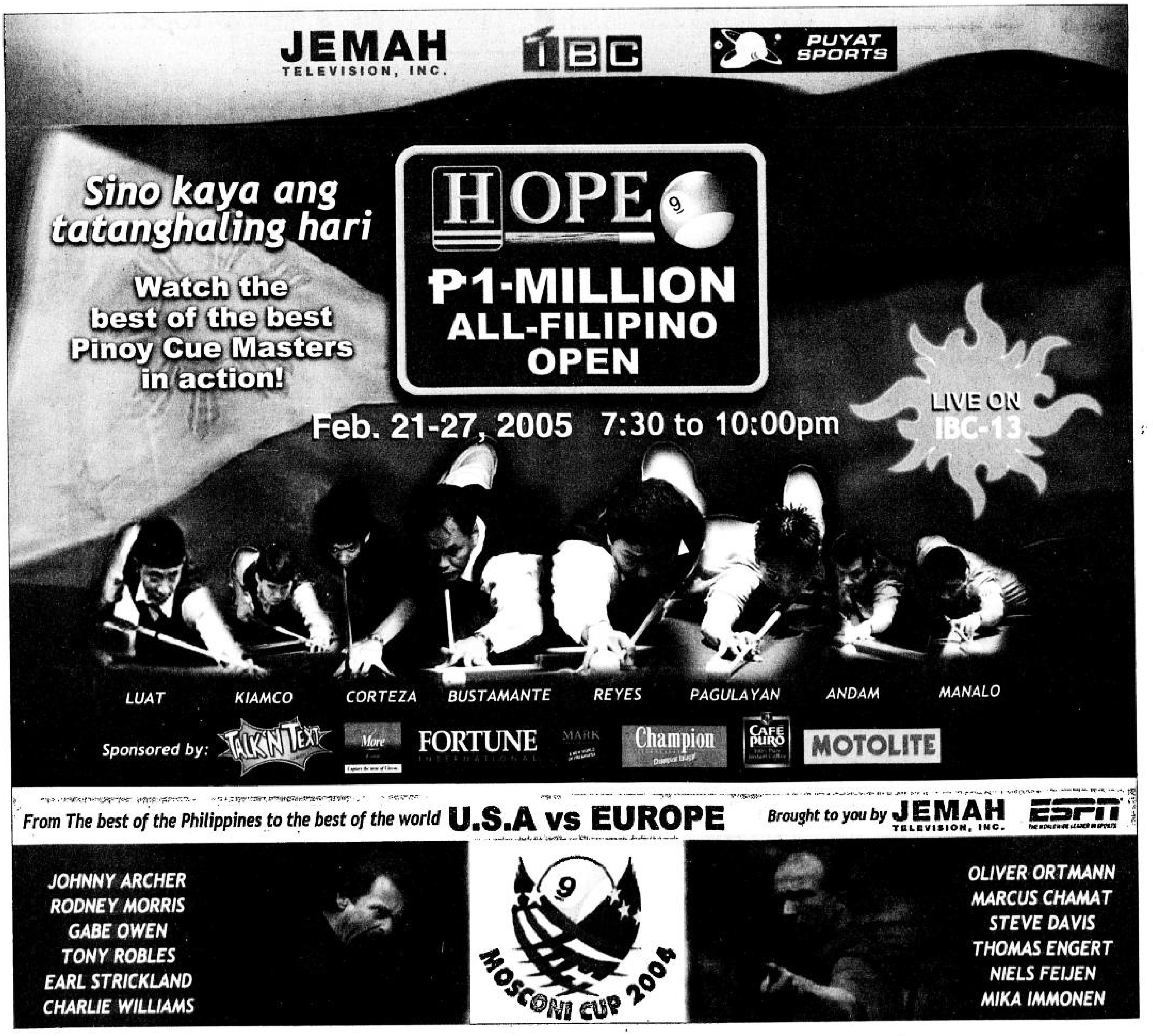
Yoo Choon-sik-Myung Woo-jun and Chun Sang-ki-Lee Young-soo were the other division winners of the 18-hole tourney that sets off a series of monthly events for Eagle Ridge members.

Finals featuring the top 32 qualifiers is set on March 19.

Yoo and Myung won Division II with a net score of 69, beating Renato Abundo-Gerry Brufal by four shots and Jaime Alanis-Adelio Domingo by five.

Chun and Lee wound up with a net 72 for a five-shot win over Roberto Arbis-Rey Manoloto. Daniel Gonzales-Henry Ongshu placed third.

Up next is the Eagle Ridge-Titleist Putting Challenge set at the club's practice greens.



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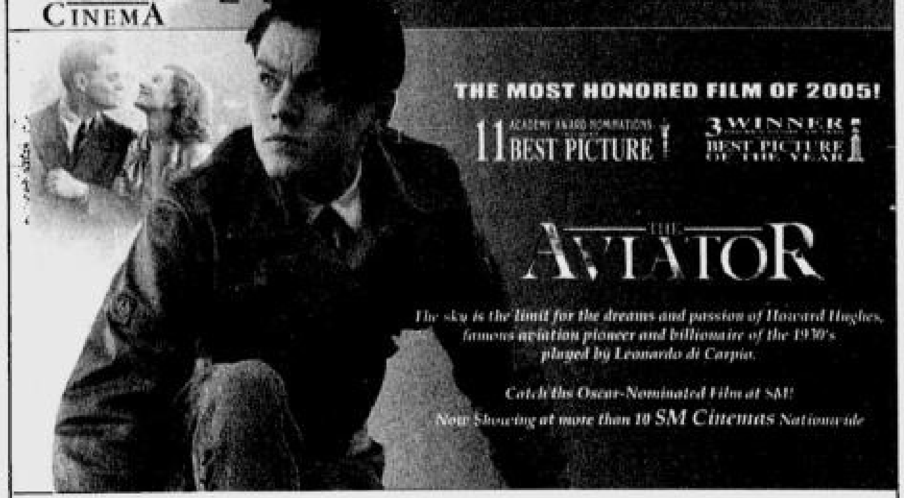
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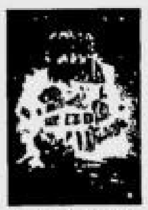

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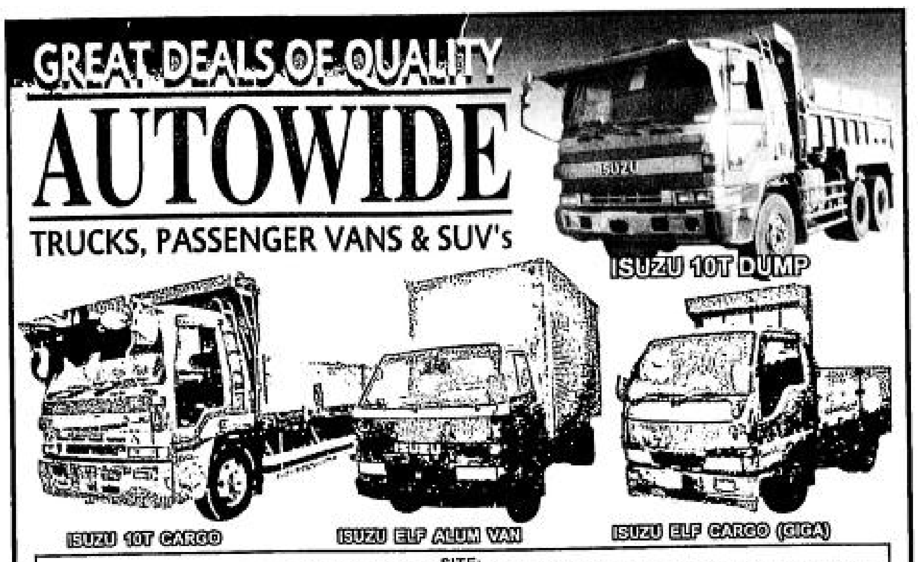
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ROAD TO TRIPLE CROWN

Coupled entries picked in 1st leg

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

SPEED Majesty had the distinction of beating Real Spicy twice last year until an injury sidelined him the rest of the season.

Now, the fleet-footed colt is back and he's leading a classy bunch of 3-year-old gallopers competing in the opening leg of the "Road to 2005 Triple Crown Series'" today at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

After a win in the Santa Ana Juvenile, Speed Majesty repeated over Real Spicy in the first leg of the Juvenile Colts in August last year but was laid off after that. He was deemed fit to run again early this month.

The Royal Premiere-Hidden Lover progeny ran the barrier last Feb. 1 and followed it up with two wins in the Class Division races (Feb. 9 and Feb. 16), signifying his readiness to vie for the coveted crown in the annual three-leg series.

Aside from Speed Majesty, the Yutadco Stable is also fielding in Speed Advantage to match up Hermie Esguerra's 1-2 bet, Euro Bucks and Joint Account, and the Niles family's Smokin' Red and In Command for this afternoon's 1,600-meter event.

Speed Advantage, another son of Royal Premiere, strung up seven straight wins but the streak was halted when he lost via disqualification to Euro Bucks last Feb. 2.

Dominador "Rapid Fire" Borbe Jr. is handling Speed Majesty for the second time, while Antonio Alcasid Jr. will be atop Speed Advantage in lieu of the suspended Fernando Raquel Jr.

Euro Bucks, by Account of Grace out of 2004 Broodmare of the Year Leveret, landed third in the Juvenile Championship, while Joint Account is joining his first ever major race.

Smokin' Red was the surprise winner of the Marho Breeders' Cup Juvenile Colts last year and is a stretch runner like In Command.

Also joining the chase for the P450,000 first prize are Montezuma, Top of D'Line, Thywillbedone, Cool Mount, Ilocos Pride and Harrod's Magic.

Montezuma is on a five-race winning binge, all in Class Division races, while Top of D'Line is a son of former Triple Crown champion Real Top.

Following Speed Majesty's absence, Real Spicy went on to stamp his supremacy in the 2-year-old division, climaxing his reign with an overwhelming victory in the Juvenile Championship.

Barring any hitches, Real Spicy, later named Champion Juvenile Colt of 2004, is expected to see action in the second leg of the "Road" series.

In last year's Triple Crown hostilities, Cover Girl triumphed in the Cojuangco Cup, while Empire King prevailed in the Ongpin Cup and Horseman's Cup.

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Santillan ready for Japan defense

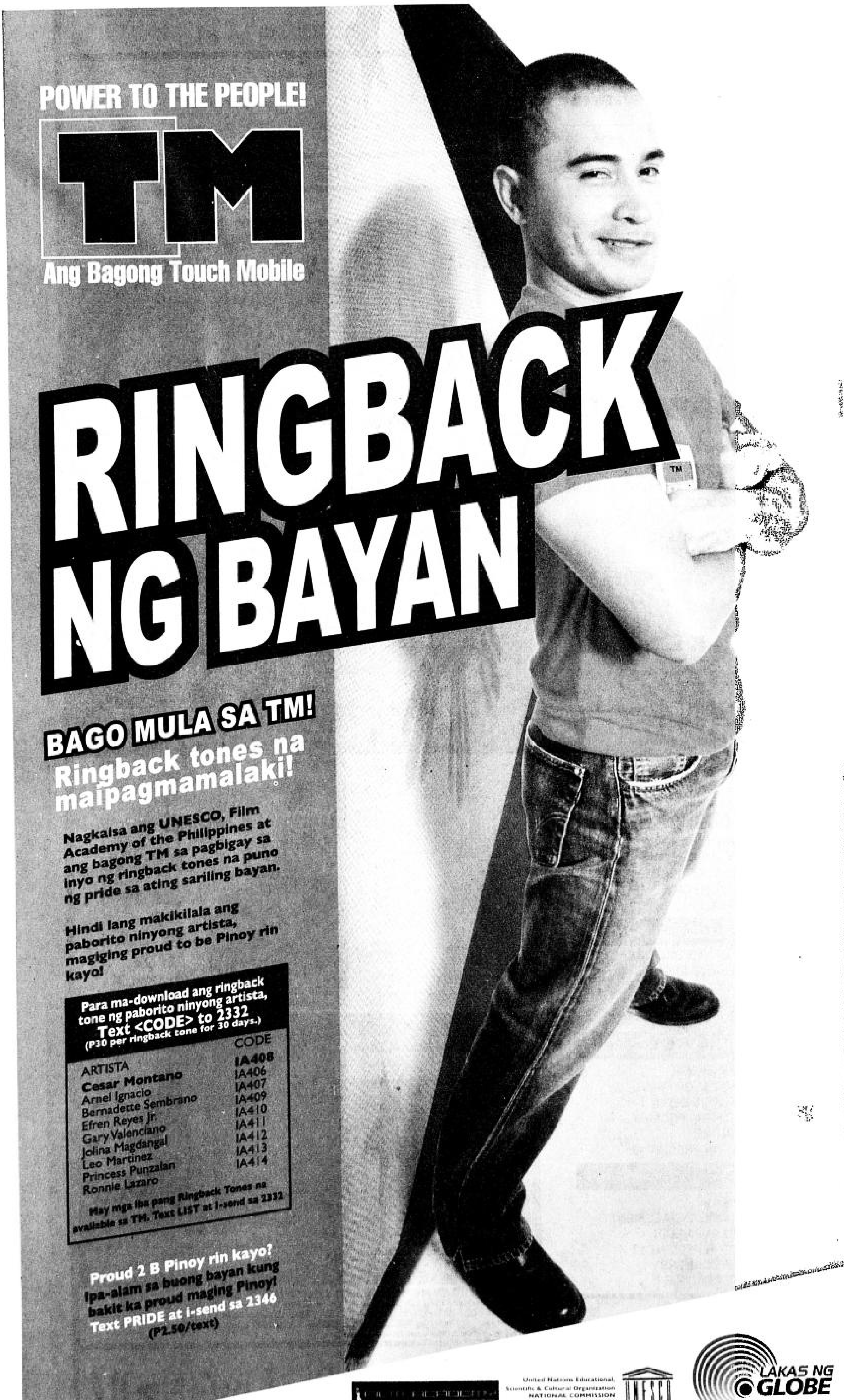
ORIENTAL and Pacific Boxing Federation welterweight king and World Boxing Council No. 6 Rev Santillan is all poised to make the second defense of his crown when he takes on Kazuhiko Hidaka in a 12-round battle of southpaws on March 19 at the famous Korakuen Hall in Tokyo, Japan.

The power-punching 5-11 southpaw, the country's heaviest world-ranked fighter, said yesterday that his preparation is on schedule.

The 27-year-old Santillan, managed by Rex "Wakee" Salud and trained by Brix Flores, has kept himself in shape at the Wakee Salud gym in Labangon, Cebu, where he has already racked up some 60 rounds of sparring against Ramil Caballes and Dexter Delada, who is himself preparing for a titular showdown with Bobby Pacquiao.

The 5-10 Hidaka parades a 20-4 win-loss card with 14 KO's. The 26-year-old Tokyo fighter is on a five-bout winning streak.

Santillan, nicknamed "Gentle Giant" because of his likable demeanor outside the ring, owns a 21-1-1 win-loss-draw record with 15 KOs. *Salven L. Lagumbay*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15 pairs of godparents for Jose Gabriel Bautista

By Marinel R. Cruz

THERE were 15 pairs of celebrity godparents, led by Senators Mar Roxas, Pia Cayetano, Richard Gordon, Lito Lapid and Franklin Drilon.

And why not? Christened on Friday afternoon at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati, was a child not in the least ordinary. Jose Gabriel Bautista is the son of Jolo Revilla and Grace Adriano, children of known show biz and political personalities.

Jolo, 16, is the second son of Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla and actress Lani Mercado. Grace, 16, is the youngest of actress and TV host Rosannà Roces' two children.

Even before he was born, Jose Gabriel was the cause of a highly publicized word war and court battle between his grandmother Rosanna and her former bosom friend Dr. Vicki Belo.

Jose Gabriel's grandparents had kept news of his conception from the media until his mother was only a month away from giving birth. Well, all that secrecy is obviously in the past now.

The senator-grandpa told INQUIRER Entertainment in a phone interview after the ceremony: "We've accepted the situation of Jolo and Grace. Jolo knows that we are behind him all the way. We want what's best for their new family. We will teach them to become responsible parents."

Revilla said Grace and Jolo (who turns 17 next month) were still not living together, and were not getting married any time soon. "Our presence in this event is one way of showing that we, as their parents, support them," the

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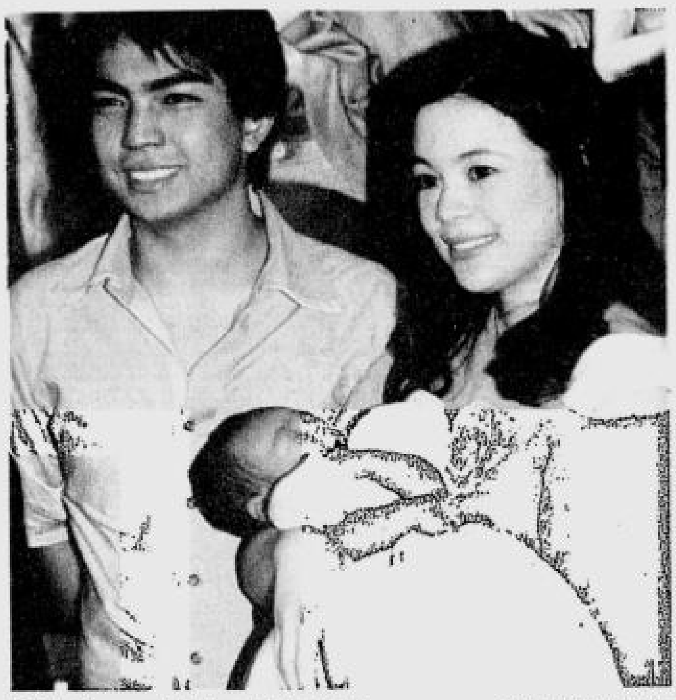

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It's a boy for Maritoni!

The actress was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, and told she would never have children again

By Nini Valera

TELEVISION soap actress Maritoni Fernandez, who was told by doctors that she would never have children again after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2001, gave birth to a "beautiful baby boy, whom I will name Liam Moynihan" last Feb. 10 at the Makati Medical Center.

Maritoni, 35, told INQUIRER Entertainment on Thursday that Liam weighed seven pounds at birth, but that "he had pneumonia and was given antibiotics immediately."

She said Liam stayed in the incubator for eight days. Mother and son were in the hospital for a total of 10 days.

Her former boyfriend, onetime movie hopeful Hans Montenegro—who, many believe, is the baby's father—was at the hospital when Maritoni delivered. The couple broke up in February last year.

"Things seemed OK in the beginning," Maritoni confided. "But we broke up and made up and broke up again. Same old story. I guess we're just two different people. It's hard to tell when it really ended."

She didn't think they would reconcile again, "even with the baby."

"I gave [the relationship] all I had," Maritoni said, "but it just didn't work. There's a trust problem between us. I don't want to talk about it. We had a lot of fights, but [they were not] violent."

Even so, they decided to part ways. "To be honest," she said, "I was in so much pain about the whole thing. We come from different backgrounds ... we're just too different."

The only thing that counts now, Maritoni insisted, is that "I have a beautiful son." By way of explaining Liam's pneumonia, she said, "Maybe it was because I was working until last November on the soap 'It Might Be You.'"

In any case, she pointed out, "I feel ecstatic. I really prayed hard for a son, especially since I'm a breast cancer survivor. All my doctors told me that [it was impossible] after I had a lumpectomy and chemo treatments. Having Liam is a blessing."

Less finicky

Maritoni, who has a daughter, Alexis, by her ex-husband, said she was finding it easier taking care of a baby this time around. She said she had been "finicky" with her firstborn, "always worried that I might not be doing everything right."

She would like to breast-feed Liam for at least six months. "But I can't," she said, "since I can feed him only on one breast and it's not enough. The other breast, which was exposed to radiation, does not lactate. The radiation killed all the nerve endings."

Instead of performing a mastectomy, doctors removed only the lump in Maritoni's right breast. "In the US, they don't believe anymore in mastectomy," she said. "I also had radiation and chemo, and I lost all my hair."

One of the favorite leading ladies of the late Fernando Poe Jr., the actress said she was raring to return to work. She said she gained 25 pounds while pregnant with Liam, and that she had to lose at least seven pounds to get back in fighting form. But during this interview with INQUIRER, she was wearing slim jeans and a hanging shirt, revealing only a slight bulge in the belly.

"I lose weight [very] fast," she said. "With my daughter, I was back to my usual weight four days after I gave birth."

No interviews

Maritoni disclosed that her manager, Arnold Vegafria, was considering two new soaps for her. Outside of this, she admitted, she was shying away from press interviews, especially regarding the birth of Liam.

"There's so much happening with me and the baby and Hans [right now]," she said. "I don't want too much interest on this. I just want to announce that I have given birth to a baby boy and that I'm OK and I'm happy."

The daughter of English Lord Anthony Moynihan, Maritoni was discovered for the movies in 1989. She has done countless films, including six with FPJ.

She survived the recent slump in the movie industry by crossing over to television and elevating bad girl roles into high art. For seven years, she played the ruthless Ruth in the soap "Ana Karenina." She played another *contravida*, Frieda, in "It Might Be You," which concluded in January. Her last movie, "*Ayos na ang Kasunod*," with FPJ and Ara Mina, was shown in 1999.

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"I'M GOING to call him Liam Moynihan." REM ZAMORA

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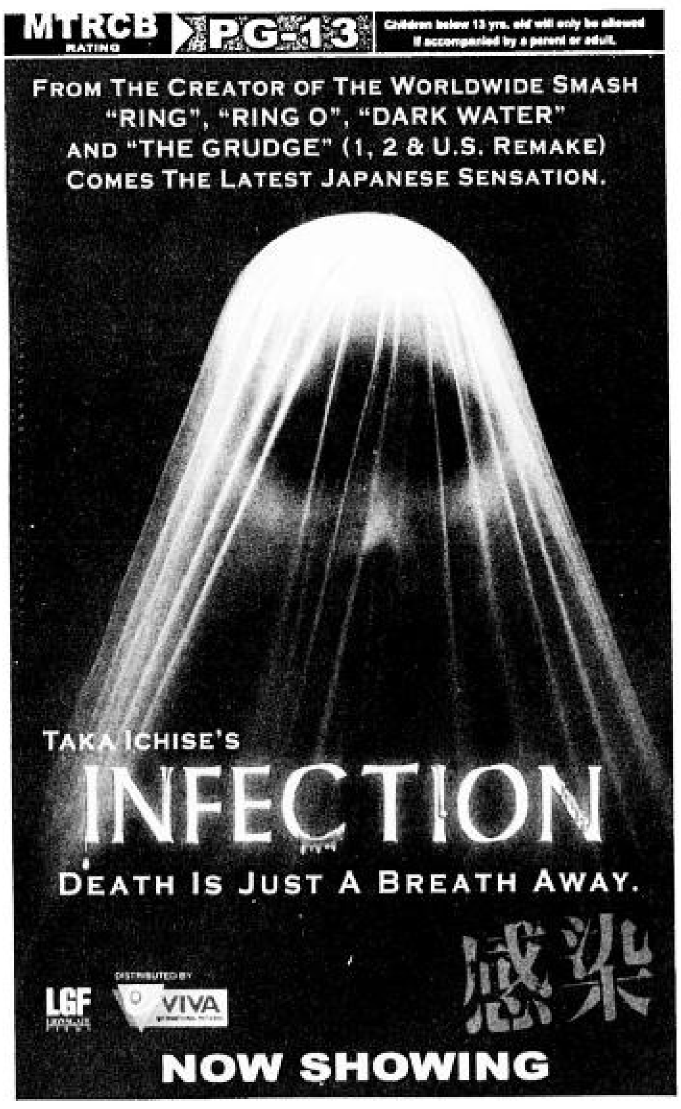

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senator pointed out.

Special arrangements

Jose Gabriel's other godparents are: Jolo's brother Brian Revilla, sister Ina Bautista, aunt Andrea, and Grace's brother Onyok Adriano; and Jolo's colleagues in show business—including Richard Gutierrez, Angel Locsin, Karel Marquez, John Pratts, Anne Curtis.

Also, entertainment journalists Cristy Fermin, Chit Ramos, and Butch Francisco; and close family friends John Barante, Impy Alandy, Mon Romulo, Miguel Mendoza, Thirdy Casas, Dave and Berna Puyat, Mr. and Mrs. Billano and Dr. and Mrs. Manuel Calayan.

The grandparents "suggested" some of the names, Senator Revilla said.

Around 150 guests were invited to a reception at the Manila A and B function rooms of the Makati Shangri-la Hotel.

"[Jose Gabriel] is our first *apo*. He deserves the best," said Revilla.

Grace gave birth to seven-pound Jose Gabriel by normal delivery last Jan. 13 at the Cardinal Santos Hospital in Greenhills, San Juan. The baby stays with his mother in Rosanna Roces' Quezon City house.

"Jolo goes there regularly to visit," Revilla said. "*Hiraman sila* (They take turns). There are no fixed days when the baby can stay with us. Of course we'd like to have him everyday, but we know it is better for him to stay with his mother."

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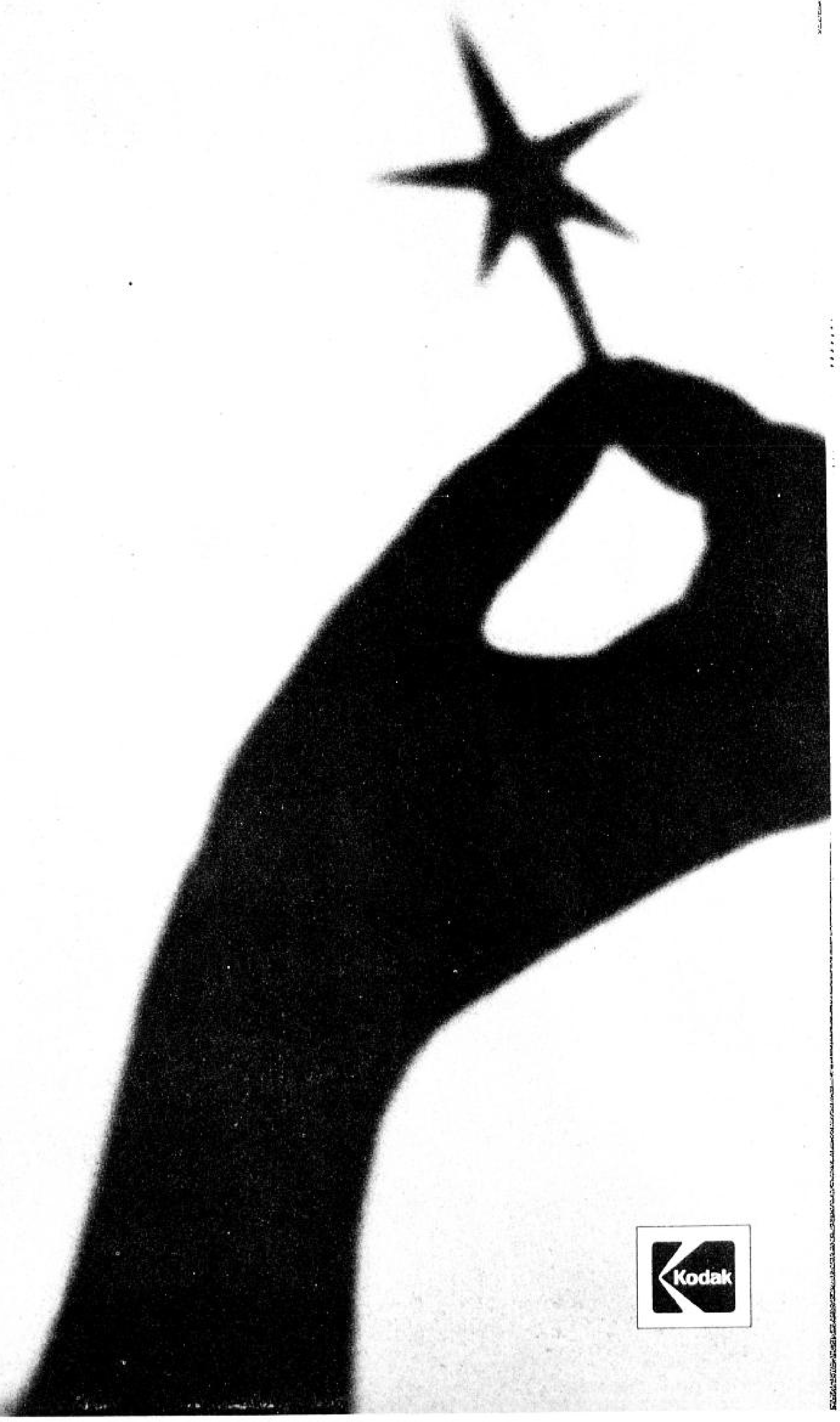

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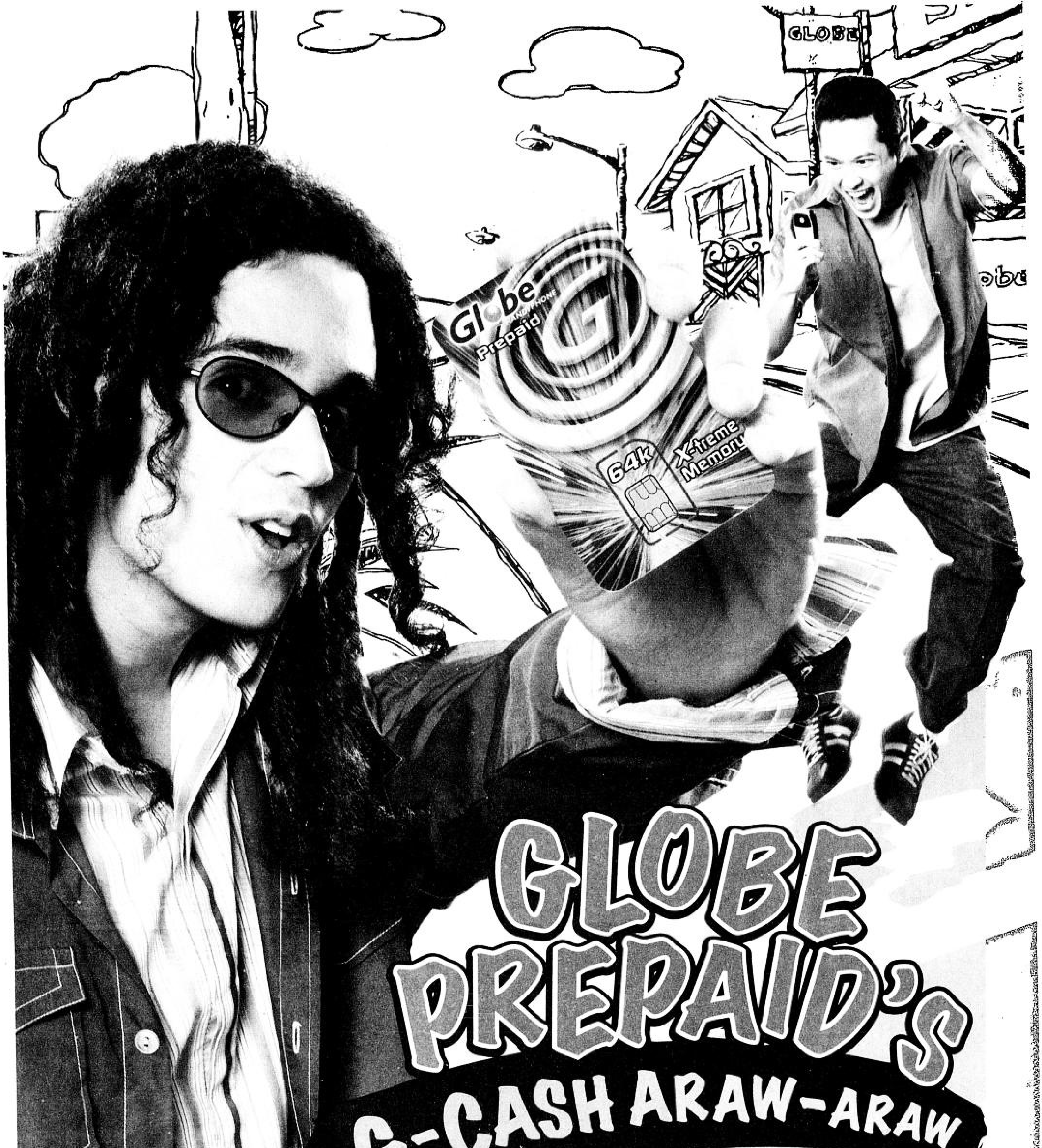

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LEONARDO DICAPRIO brings a full-bodied cocktail of charm, exuberance and anguish to his role as Howard Hughes in "The Aviator."

A gorgeously polished movie

By Gibbs Cadiz

REVIEW

SOMEDAY, when moviegoers look back on this year's Oscar Best Picture nominees and try to remember a memorable line or two from them—Virginia Madsen's "A bottle of wine is a life," for instance, or Ray Charles' mother's "You going blind but you ain't stupid"—one sentence from Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator" would make the cut.

It's uttered not by Howard Hughes, the young industrialist-movie director-aviation pioneer who is the subject of this gorgeously polished movie, but by one of his many women, the actress Katharine Hepburn (played with livewire aplomb by Cate Blanchett).

The year is 1935, and Hughes has just broken the world aerial speed record. As the enormity of his achievement sinks in, Hepburn begins to worry about the corrosive effects that celebrity—a subject she knew well, being one of the era's most controversial actresses—might have on his fragile spirit.

"We're not like everyone else, Howard," she warns. "Too many acute angles, too many eccentricities."

In these words, writer John Logan succinctly captures the breadth of Hughes' passions and pathologies—the clutch of otherworldly qualities that, if Hughes weren't so real, would have made him a character worthy of invention by a fiction writer.

America's dream

Already an orphan multimillionaire at 18 years old after inheriting the bulk of his father's business empire, Hughes soon set his sights on two of America's fledgling industries in the 1920's: aviation and moviemaking.

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The live telecast is made possible through the partnership of RPN 9 and Solar Entertainment Corp., one of local TV's biggest providers of top US programs and various sports and entertainment specials.

"The Aviator," a biopic about US billionaire Howard Hughes, is leading the Oscar contenders with 11 nominations (see related story on this page).

Solar and RPN 9, in cooperation with Sari-Sari, rolled out the red carpet for local stars and fashionistas in an invitational pre-Oscars bash at Paseo Uno last night.

Before and after

Also tomorrow, Lifestyle Network's "E!" block brings to the small screen the glitz and glamour of Oscar's Red Carpet coverage from 7 to 9 a.m., live.

After the program proper, LN takes viewers backstage with "The Live Oscar Post Show" at 1 p.m. While the rites coverage is aired on Channel 9, LN continues its own Oscars marathon with "Behind the Best, 9-10 a.m., which presents exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the five best films of the past year.

At 10 starts LN's lineup of Oscar specials: "It's Good To Be—Leonardo Dicarpio," followed by "Style Star: Káte and Goldie" at 10:30 a.m., and then "E! True Hollywood Story: Johnny Depp." "Revealed with Jules Asner," featuring a small talk with four-time Oscar nominee Kate Winslet, goes on air at noon.

Capping Oscars day at 11:30 p.m., still on LN, is "The Hours," which bagged for Nicole Kidman her first Best Actress Award in the 2002 race.

On March 1 at 9:30 p.m., LN airs the 2002 Academy Awards Best Picture, "Chicago," topbilled by Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere.

Finally, on March 5, 8 p.m. E! Entertainment gives its awaited verdicts—Best Dressed and Worst Dressed during the Oscars—with "Fashion Police Show," hosted by Kathy Griffin and Robert Verdi. Lifestyle Network is owned and operated by Creative Programs Inc. (CPI), an entertainment subsidiary of ABS-CBN.

'Dateline: Afghanistan' on ABC

AFTER the abduction of Angelito Nayan, Afghanistan was once again news. But other than its being tagged a haven for terrorists, people around the world know little about this middle-eastern country steeped in a long history of violence.

Tonight at 8, in a one-hour documentarl titled "Dateline: Afghanistan," ABC News Correspondents Ed Lingao and Jason Torres take Filipino viewers on a journey to witness how one of the oldest civilizations has changed, and also how much it has remained the same.

ED LINGAO in front of a wrecked helicopter gunship, and Jason Torres (right) with Belgian paratroopers

"MILLION Dollar Baby"

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"SIDEWAYS"

Complete list of movie bets

HOLLYWOOD—The following are films nominated for Sunday's 77th annual Academy Awards, listed according to the number of nominations received by each.

"THE AVIATOR," 11 nominations: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Costume Design, Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, Best Original Screenplay

"MILLION DOLLAR BABY," seven: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Film Editing, Best Adapted Screenplay

"FINDING NEVERLAND," seven: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Art Direction, Best Costume Design, Best Film Editing, Best Original Score, Best Adapted Screenplay

"RAY," six: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director, Best Costume Design, Best Sound Mixing and Best Film Editing

"SIDEWAYS," five: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Adapted Screenplay

"THE INCREDIBLES," four: Best Animated Film, Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, Best Original Screenplay

"LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS," four: Best Art Direction, Best Costume Design, Best Make-Up, Best Original Score

"HOTEL RWANDA," three: Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Original Screenplay

"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST," three: Best Cinematography, Best Make-Up and Best Original Score

"THE POLAR EXPRESS," three: Best Original Song, Best Sound editing, Best Sound Mixing

"RAY"

"FINDING Neverland"

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA," three: Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Original Song

"SPIDER-MAN 2," three: Best Sound Editing, Best Sound Mixing, Best

Visual Effects

"VERA DRAKE," three: Best Actress, Best Directing, Best Original Screenplay

"THE CHORUS," two: Best Foreign-Language Film (France), Best Original Song

"CLOSER," two: Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress

"COLLATERAL," two: Best Supporting Actor, Best Film Editing

"ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND," two: Best Actress, Best Original Screenplay

"HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN," two: Best Original Score, Best Visual Effects

"THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES," two: Best Original Song, Best Adapted Screenplay

"THE SEA INSIDE," two: Best Foreign-Language Film (Spain), Best Make-up

"SHREK 2," two: Best Animated Film, Best Original Song

"A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT," two: Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography

"AS IT IS IN HEAVEN," one: Best Foreign-Language Film (Sweden)

"BEFORE SUNSET," one: Best Adapted Screenplay

"BEING JULIA," one: Best Actress

"BORN INTO BROTHELS," one: Best Documentary

"DOWNFALL," one: Best Foreign-Language Film (Germany)

"HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS," one: Best Cinematography

"I, ROBOT," one: Best Visual Effects

"KINSEY," one: Best Supporting Actress

"MARIA FULL OF GRACE," one: Best Actress

"SHART TALE," one: Best Animated Film

"THE STORY OF THE WEEPING CAMEL," one: Best Documentary

"SUPER SIZE ME," one: Best Documentary

"TROY," one: Best Costume Design

"TUPACE: RESURRECTION," one: Best Documentary

"TWIST OF FAITH," one: Best Documentary

"THE VILLAGE," one: Best Original Score

"YESTERDAY," one: Best Foreign-Language Film (South Africa) *AFP*

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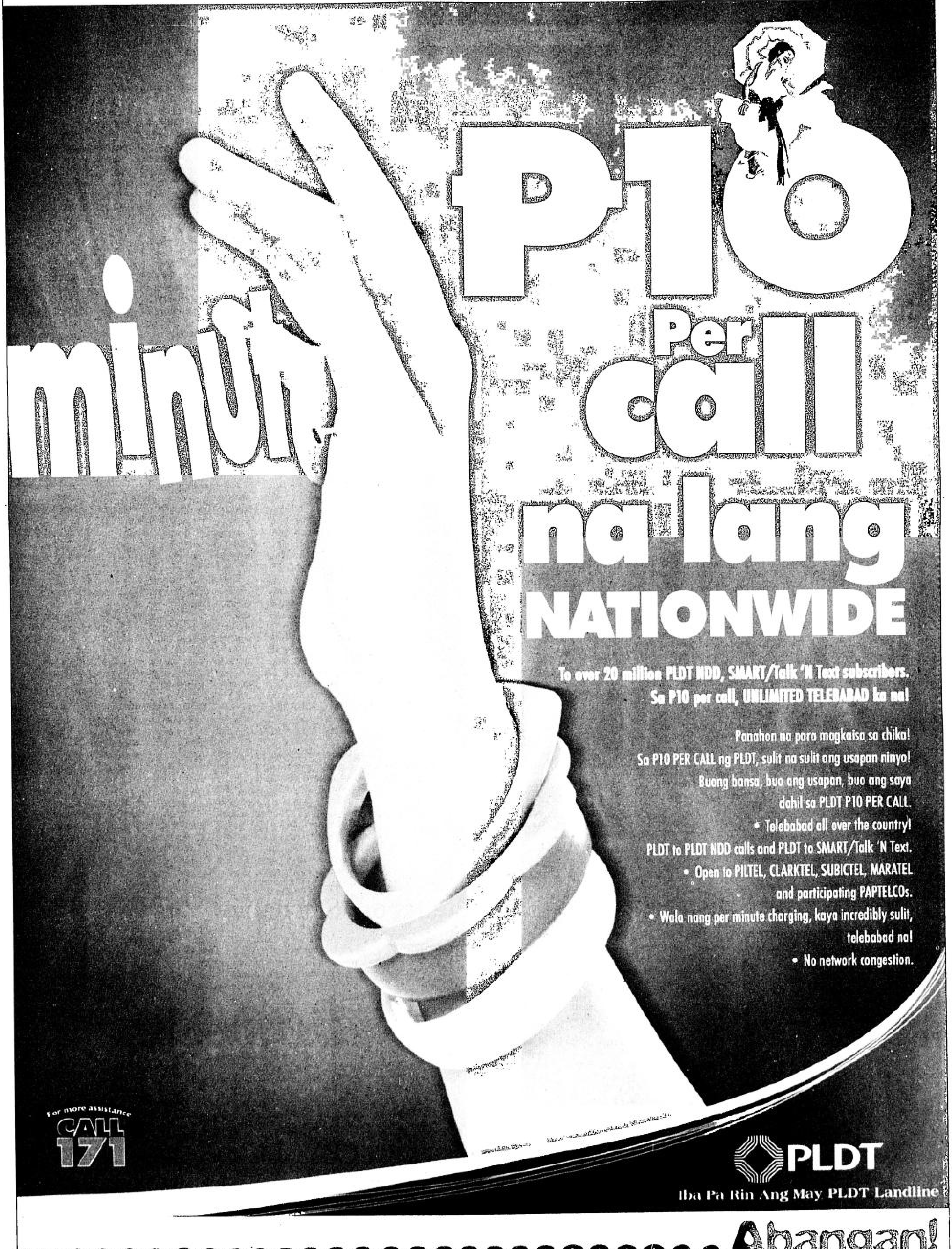
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Rufa Mae : I want a serious singing career

TWO-PIECE pantsuit in chevron weave

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

RUFA Mae Quinto, sexy comedienne, now wants to be taken seriously as a singer.

"After a concert tour in the United States last Christmas, I now have the confidence to take my singing career seriously," Rufa Mae says. "I've had a solo concert called 'Rated R' and I've recorded two CDs. I also sang for the soundtrack of my latest movie, 'Super Booba.'

"I'm getting tired of my dumb-and-sexy persona because I am more than that," adds Rufa Mae, who measures a whistle-bait 34-24-34.

She remembers singing in the shower, where she noticed the acoustics were good and no one could hear her. She also has memories of long, late-night karaoke rounds. Finally, her manager, Backroom's Boy Abunda, asked her to sing (one or two numbers) in corporate shows.

Rufa Mae recalls having to take a sip of brandy once to calm her fears. But she got drunk and began slurring the lyrics. She vowed never to mix liquor with singing again. That was five years ago.

Today, she says she has no more stage fright, and that she interacts with her audience with ease. Her set usually starts with hits from the "Booba" movies, then segues into a Mandy Moore medley and ends with a choreographed Britney Spears portion. She wears sexy costumes by Regine Tolentino and Eric Pineda.

For this INQUIRER exclusive, however, Rufa Mae wears Goullee Gorospe creations, accessorizing the outfits with her own jewelry. She poses like a pro, instructing an aide to keep the fan blowing in her direction.

The comedienne is a regular on GMA's weekly television shows "Bubble Gang," "S.O.P." and "Idol Ko Si Kap."

She has two side businesses: a travel agency called Rufa Mae's Trips and Tours and a unisex beauty salon called Booba's Salon. She wants to produce a comedy movie with Unitel, a la Bridget Jones in Asia. She says she admires Renee Zellwegger and Jenifer Aniston for their underacting.

On the future with Mr. Right (read: Rudy Hatfield) Rufa Mae remains mum. "[Rudy] hasn't proposed," she says. "Of course we have plans. I love him and really want to have children with him someday. INQUIRER Entertainment will be the first to know of any updates."

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A blast from the past

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

EXACTLY 22 years ago, also in February, the country was racked with attempts at shameless censorship. Not just of commercial movies, which get this kind of heat all the time, but even of documentaries, newsreels, children's shows, art films. And again not just of these, but of all live performances, whether stand-up act, play, music, dance, or mime. Then again not even just of these, but of advertisements, posters, records, articles.

All this was embodied in Executive Order 876 signed by then President Ferdinand Marcos.

Of course, Marcos had to sound like one fine leader while at it. So he picked on the excesses out there, those he could mine for their so-called "prurience," "obscenity," and "licentiousness."

After all, he thundered, he was building "a new society" that was "God-fearing," and he was bent on returning to the country its "family values" and "moral order" for the "general good."

In the end, the guy was proven to be no more than a greedy despot. And all that sanctimonious blabber was shown to be part and parcel of his scheme to kill dissent.

But not everyone knew that at the time. Millions of well-meaning Catholics backed him because he invoked "God." Parents, teachers, community leaders hailed his "family values." And high society was nowhere near arguing with him on "the general good," when *they* were having it so good.

Most everyone put their guard down. They sat back and said, "It's about time somebody censored those crazy liberals!"

Morality and *family* are like *motherhood* and *apple pie*, after all. Nobody thinks to say a thing against them.

So, when no one bothered to be alarmed, it was left to the artists and the media to prove that Marcos—as much as censorship—was bad for everyone's health.

Why them?

Because it will always be the artists and the media—they who twit the rules, who don't settle, whose instincts bristle at any sign of control, who actually believe they're free, crazy liberals!—who will first smell the stink.

Artists speak out

These notes are not just from a loose memory of events of 1983, but are in my book, "Primed."

Director Lino Brocka—bless his soul—was clearly in the thick of an agitation that would be called "Free the Artist Movement."

He persuaded actors, singers, and writers to march to Liwasang Bonifacio under a February two o'clock sun: Gloria Diaz, Anita Linda, Bembol Roco, Phillip Salvador, Nonoy Zuñiga, and more. Even Vilma Santos came—except that she came late and missed the part when the menacing riot police hovered around the neophyte rallyists.

Remember, this was 1983. Officially, martial law had already been lifted the year before, but all edicts and laws and structures of martial rule remained iron-clad in place. In other words, complain—and risk jail, disappearance, death. Rallying was an invitation to all three.

PETA couldn't care less. It mounted a street play where it displayed huge scissors cutting up movie scripts until the scripts became fanciful paper dolls!

Stand-up comedienne Tessie Tomas understood the risks: "*Siyempre may kaba ako.* I'm [from] UP but never *ako na*-involve *sa mga ganyan-ganyan. Kaya lang, naisip ko,* the Free the Artist Movement is a legitimate fight. [With censorship] I'm running out of material! Here you can't poke fun at the big ones. Should I just spoof inanimate objects? ... *Duwag na duwag*, safe *na* safe."

The comedienne was then speaking at a symposium-concert at St. Joseph's College, a haven for dissenting voices during martial law. See, this censorship fight would go beyond scary rallies all the way to tedious organizational work, to time-consuming public-info campaigns, to long secret meetings with human rights lawyers.

With Lino were Joel Lamangan, Mel Chionglo, Soxy Topacio, Jose Lacaba, Ishmael Bernal, and a few more hardy souls. All understood one thing: **Censorship was death for an artist.** And to keep that from happening, risked their very lives.

Sculptor Napoleon Abueva counted himself in. At one meeting, he got earnest applause when he said: "I'm not supposed to be here, as a national artist. But as a national artist, I have more reason to be here. *Dahil dito, wala ng lalabas. Tuyo na ang binhi.*"

Visual artists Dalena, Joya, Salvosa, Albano; musicians Cayabyab, Santos, Maceda; television's Manahan, Monzon-Palma, Hontiveros; writers Nolledo, Mortel, Mayuga—also weighed in with their signatures on a full-page advertisement in the *Manila Bulletin* protesting the censorship edict.

It was an act of courage.

Writer Ricky Lee spoke up: "Everyone is being made to write insipid storylines that will affect nobody and move no one. This whole censorship business will leave you alone if you don't attempt to do anything serious; but the moment you want your art to be meaningful, the censors will be there, cutting."

Years after, for a CCP book on Lino Brocka, actress Gina Alajar would recount: "*Sumama ako sa isang* rally *laban sa* censors. *Alam mo naman*, it's hard to say no to Lino. *Lalo na kung alam mong may katwiran ang ipinaglalaban niya. Marami ang na*-blacklist *noon.* [Censors chief Maria Kalaw] Katigbak took a video of all those who joined the rally, which became the basis of the list. Blacklisted *ako noon. 'Yong tipong di ka kukunin ng* producers because if they get you for the movies, *hindi aaprubahan [ang pelikula] ng* Board of Censors. Lino was also blacklisted. *Di siya kinukuha ng* producers."

Never-ending battle

The fight against censorship throughout the reign of Marcos was a seesaw battle. Marcos scored by putting a Neanderthal on the censors' chair; artists retaliated by bringing the fight to the international scene. Marcos came back with more powers for the Board; artists countered with work stoppage.

It was a battle with serious stakes, and I like to think that it helped kick the guy out of the Palace in the end.

In fact, the battle continued all the way to Cory Aquino's time. When Cory appointed Manoling Morato as censors chief, Lino Brocka and company saw this as a singular act of betrayal by the woman they had fought to help lodge at the Palace, and the fight sped on.

For artists, the act of censorship will always be backward—with classification and self-regulation the only way to go. As such, the fight moved up to Fidel Ramos' time and beyond. Be that as it may, long after Brocka was dead, not once did the artists say they were giving up.

History lesson

Why bring this up now?

Because we have to know when it's happening again. When attempts to shackle us come 22 years later, we can't have our guard down. The past has already taught us nothing's ever as simple as *motherhood* and *apple pie*.

But just in case we miss it, I guess it's up to the artists and the media to raise a howl once more. It's they that always smell the stink anyway. And it's they that remember that, whether martial law's official or not, the stink can happen. Methinks it's here already.

Distractions and limitations on 'Stardance'

VANESSA DEL BIANCO. A dancing queen, she's not.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

SOME years ago, dance programs were the rage on local TV, with **Dayanara Torres** leading the then popular format's gifted dancer-hosts. Unfortunately, the program type's popularity waned at the start of the new millennium. That was a pity, because Filipinos love dancing, so dance shows should be a key part of our TV program lineup.

Thus, when we learned that Channel 2 was aiming to revive the format with its new Saturday-night show, "Stardance," we made it a point to catch its premier telecast some weeks back.

We liked the way the show trimmed down its many auditionees to some really talented finalists. But we were disappointed to see program host **Vanessa del Bianco** being touted as local TV's new Queen of Dance, when she didn't really light up the screen with her performance. Our TV people really have to learn that merely claiming something doesn't make it so.

There was also a problem with the experts and judges tapped by the show. **Douglas Nierras** and **Gina Valenciano-Martinez** are top of the line, but **John Prats, Rica Peralejo** and their ilk are decidedly less so. This lowers the credibility of the dance tilt's verdicts, and that's all to the bad.

The camera work and lighting similarly leave a lot to be desired. Some shots don't effectively showcase the choreography, and the lighting is often too dark or flashy for viewers to distinguish one finalist from another.

Another major problem is the tilt's use of props. Being able to dance with props is meant to be a challenge to see which dancer is able to cope with each week's specific prop. In practice, however, the use of props has sometimes turned out to be both a limitation and a distraction.

In the premiere telecast, the props were snakes, and it was really disconcerting to see the contestants being compelled to handle these slithering creatures! In fact, one talented contestant was dropped because the challenge unnerved her. We felt that this was most unfair, since in other climes, snakes have nothing to do with dancing talent.

Last Feb. 19, the props were bottles, so the 11 remaining finalists tried to perform like dancing bartenders. Once again, those darned bottles got in the way of the finalists' ability to show off their dancing talent, so they, too, ended up as distractions and limitations. Let's have real dancing tests, please!

As a result of these minus points, "Stardance" is not yet the top dance challenge it wants to be. This is a great pity, since may of the finalists are quite talented and good-looking, and could eventually become fine star dancers.

It's too bad that, instead of showcasing them well so they can do their best, the show focuses on counterproductive distractions and limitations.

We hope that, despite these negative factors, the best dancers in the tilt will ultimately prevail.

Feedback

FROM Loi R. Landicho of Makati City: In "Pilipinas Game Ka Na Ba's" episode last Tuesday, **Kris Aquino** asked the Pyramid Round contestants, "*Sa pelikula, sino 'Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa'*?" Nobody dared to make a guess, so Kris had to reveal the "correct" answer which, according to her (or the show's researchers), was **Ara Mina**. Oops, you got it wrong, guys! The correct answer: **Maui Taylor.**

In the film, Clon (Taylor) and Lorena (Mina) were sisters. Clon was gang-raped and soon, infanticipated. However, doctors were stunned to discover later that she remained a virgin despite her pregnancy.

Mina's character couldn't have been the one referred to in the film's title, since her character had to work as a prostitute to feed her mother and mentally disturbed sister."

'Design 360'

AT 2:30 p.m. today and 3:30 a.m. tomorrow, CNN telecasts "Design 360." Features include a tour of Palazzo Pucci in Florence, Italy; Danish silversmith **Georg Jensen** and the firm's workshops in Copenhagen; Tiffany and Givenchy descendants who have combined their creative talents to launch a new fragrance line called Truly, Madly, Deeply, and furniture guru **Michael Malmborg.**

'LOTR: Return of the King'

"THE LORD of the Rings: The Return of the King" is the last of the compelling journeys in **J.R.R.** Tolkien's trilogy. Sauron's forces have attacked Gondor's capital of Minas Tirith in his final siege against mankind. The great kingdom has never been in most desperate need of its king—but will Aragorn find the strength to meet his destiny?

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FREESTYLE

SHOW TIME

Songs Rediscovered

Jed Maddela's "Songs Rediscovered" album mall tour goes to SM Sucat today. The show, produced by Universal Records, starts at 4 p.m.

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Mondays at 19 East (Km. 19, East Service Road near Sucat interchange) is Jazz Jam, featuring some of the country's best jazz musicians.

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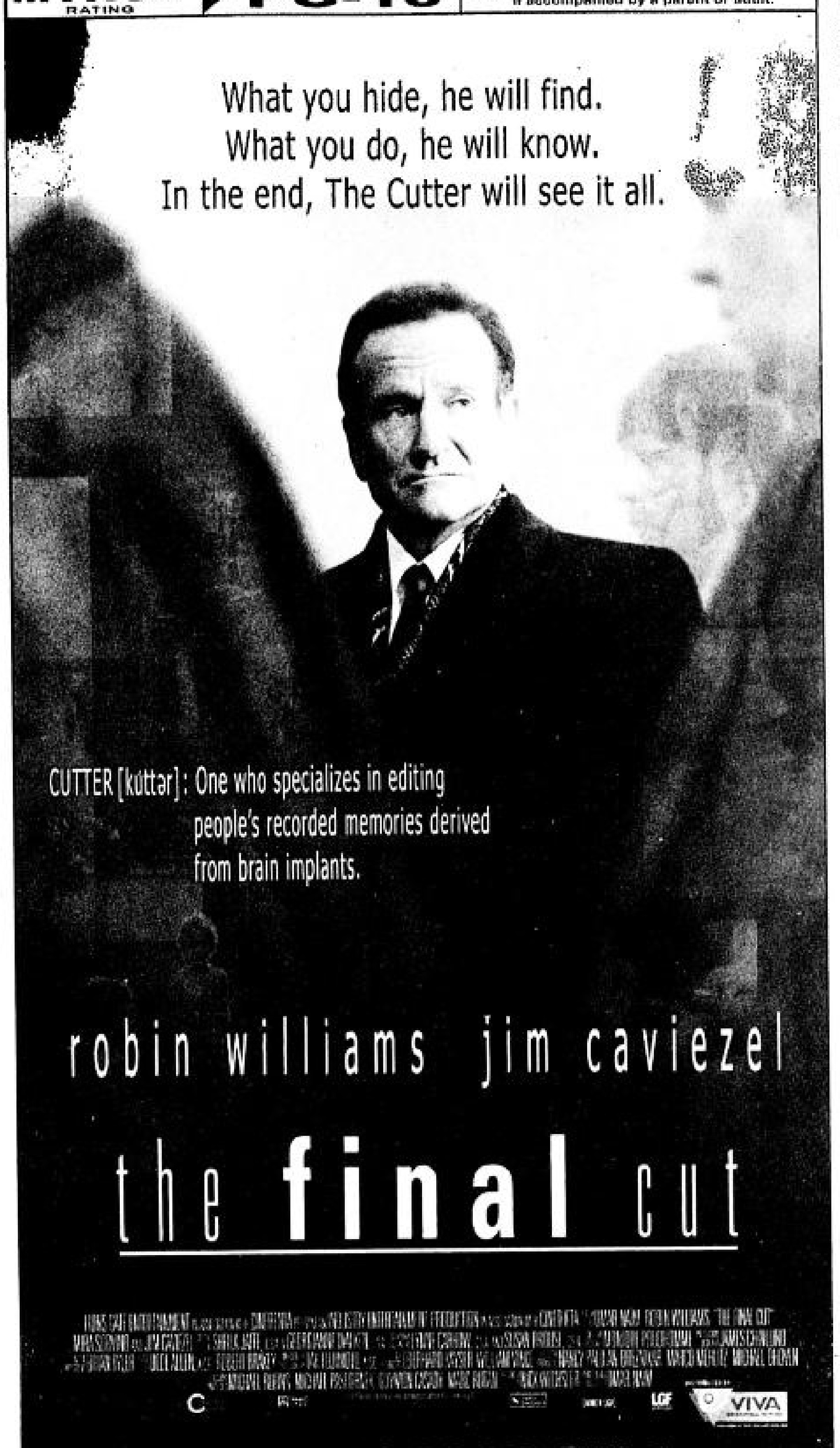

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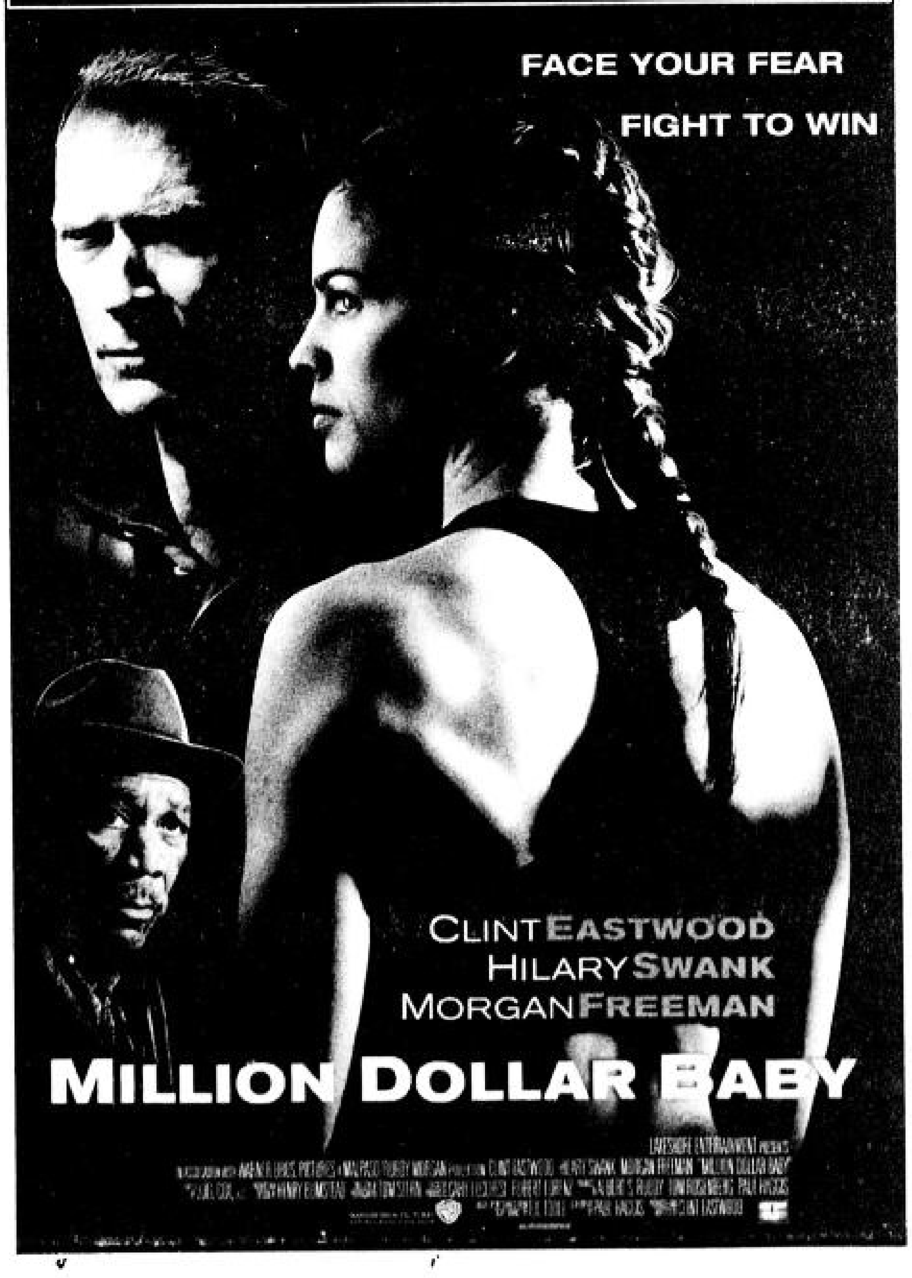

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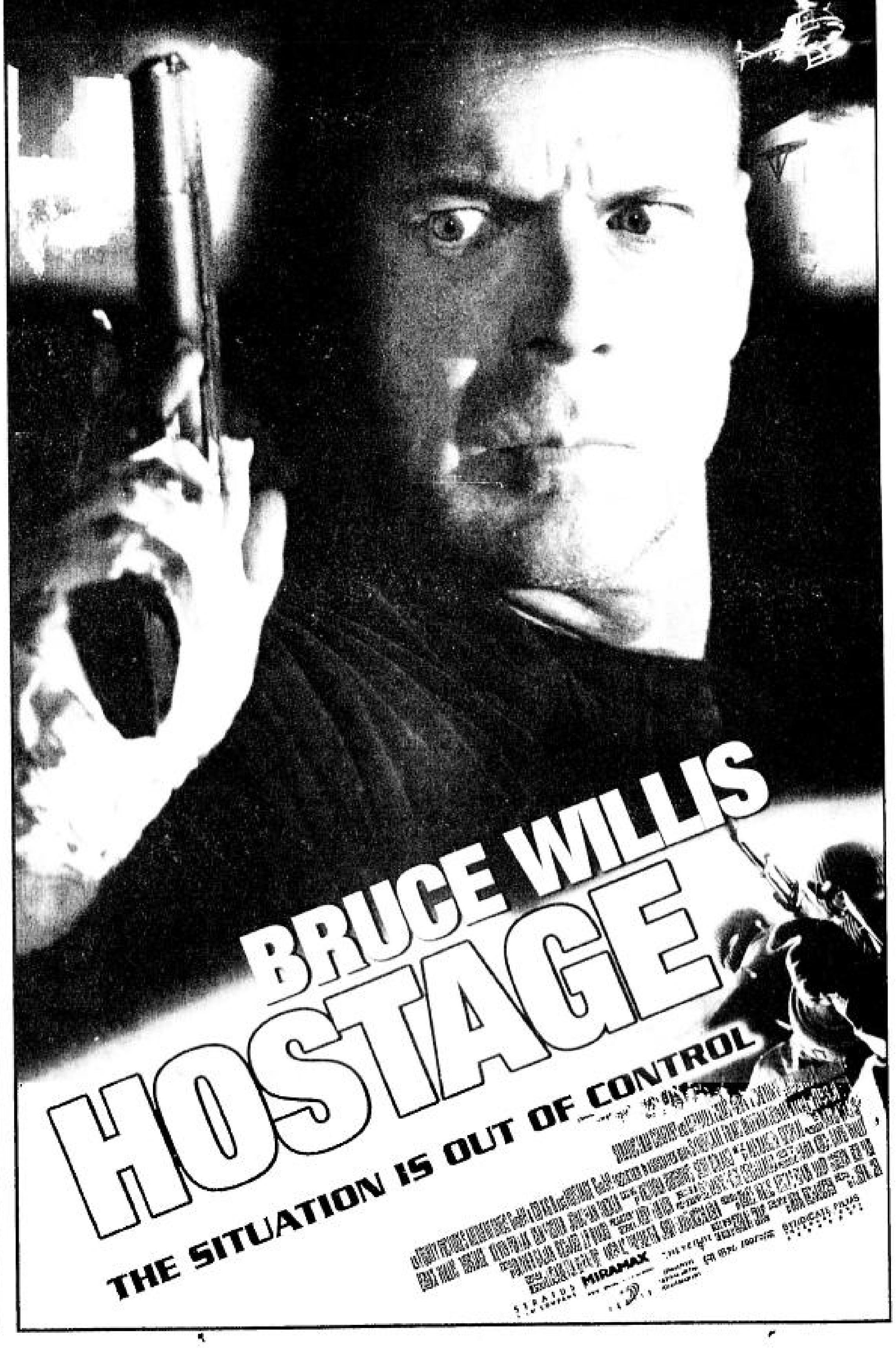

A gorgeously polished movie

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dream itself. The country was in thrall to the newly discovered exhilaration of flying and the magic of the flickering images on screen.

Hughes' passions melded these two notions—freedom and glamour—into a reckless, visionary lifestyle that made him a golden boy of the era.

He romanced Hollywood's most ravishing goddesses—Jean Harlow, Ava Gardner, Hepburn—even as he burned vast amounts of money on his films and lost millions more developing new aircraft prototypes that pushed the boundaries of aviation.

The 1930 film "Hell's Angels," which featured dazzling footage of aerial combat shot under extremely laborious conditions, became the most expensive film of its time, costing nearly $4 million.

The movie brought Hughes to the edge of bankruptcy, but it made money and legitimized Hughes' encampment in Hollywood, which initially viewed him as a wealthy but foolhardy interloper.

Such was his heedless energy that, while directing movies, Hughes was also buying airline companies, testing new planes, warding off worried shareholders and generally whooping it up in the gilded age that was prewar America.

A brilliantly orchestrated scene in "The Aviator" shows Hughes dispensing specifications to his team of aircraft engineers while going over his precarious finances with his lifelong assistant, Noah Dietrich. After which, he holds up a piece of paper with a design sketch of the special bra he wants created for Jane Russell, the abundantly bosomed star of his next film, "The Outlaw."

"It's all in the engineering, boys," he tells his dazed crew.

Dark secret

But coursing beneath the golden glow of Hughes' life was a dark secret that, with adulthood and its increasing pressures, became more and more apparent: He was terrified, pathologically so, of germs.

What is now called obsessive-compulsive disorder had no name in Hughes' time, so the illness wasn't treated accordingly until very late. By then, the once-golden boy had gone over the deep end.

But you wouldn't see this forlorn final chapter in "The Aviator."

Scorsese's movie is, for the most part, a rousing celebration of Hughes' glory years—roughly from his 20s to his 40s, when his insanity was in its early, barely visible stages and he was prominent in the public eye as an aggressive empire builder.

Still, the horror of that encroaching darkness is vividly rendered by Scorsese in some of "The Aviator's" most transfixing scenes—Hughes' peculiar babbling at highly stressful moments, his inability to get out of a rest room because he can't touch the doorknob, the imaginary dirt he sees on people's clothes which disturbs him no end.

The flickering oddity of Hughes' behavior could have rendered any characterization of him on film as caricature. But Leonardo DiCaprio brings a full-bodied cocktail of charm, exuberance and anguish to the role.

He approximates Hughes' reedy voice and loping manner, effortlessly summoning the seductive emotional profligacy that must account for the inroads Hughes made not only in the bedrooms of his Hollywood conquests, but in such an unlikely arena as the US Senate, where he tangled with the crooked Sen. 'Owen Brewster (Alan Alda) on charges of war profiteering—to the senator's great regret.

Brash, panoramic

The brash, panoramic feel of this story finds its match in the movie's soaring visuals.

It's been said that if Scorsese had not become one of the world's greatest filmmakers, he would have made an extraordinary historian. This movie once again proves it. Every opulent frame in "The Aviator" is a showcase of his fluency with the bygone milieu and material.

But it's also true that at this point in his career, Scorsese seems to have set aside—temporarily, one hopes—the gritty, muscular poetry he brought to his signature films like "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull."

What you see in "The Aviator"—and also in "Age of Innocence" and "Gangs of New York"—is a reoriented directorial vision that highlights a glossy, sprawling style worlds away from the character epics of the director's vintage years.

That's not to say "The Aviator" is a bad film. Far from it. The movie is vastly enjoyable, if overlong at 166 minutes (Hughes' first major breakdown, where he strips naked and locks himself in his screening room for weeks, goes on and on).

And it offers knockout performances from a great cast, beginning with DiCaprio and Blanchett.

Blanchett's silhouette and cheekbones can pass for Hepburn's, so she turns these into highlights to create an impressionistic portrait of the legendary actress, stuffed to the brim with Hepburn's idiosyncrasies—the baronial airs, the jaunty stride, the theatrical speaking style. It's a wickedly sexy performance.

Full house

A more complete cinematic portrait of Hughes may yet be made one day, but what would be the point? When the curtain of madness finally fell down on him, he had played a full house worthy of many lifetimes.

"The Aviator" finds the angular, eccentric heart in the center of that all-too-brief shining moment, and flies away with it.

(E-mail the author at gcadiz@inquirer.com.ph)

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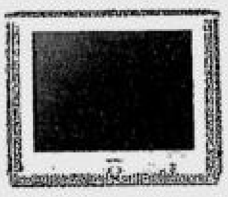

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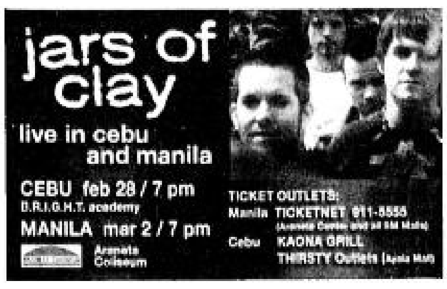

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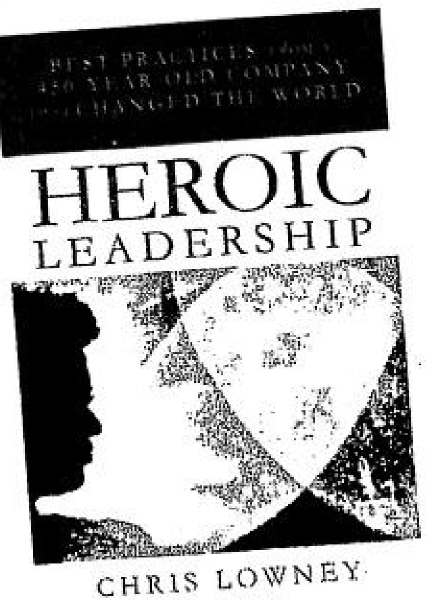
JESUITS' LEADERSHIP SECRETS

Learning from old masters

LOWNEY says an "epiphany" inspired him to write his best-selling book.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao


BEST PRACTICES FROM A 450-YEAR-OLD COMPANY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
HEROIC LEADERSHIP
CHRIS LOWNEY

WHAT can a 450-year-old brotherhood of priests organized by St. Ignatius Loyola teach 21st century corporations struggling to survive amid white-hot competition in the marketplace?

A lot, according to 46-year-old Chris Lowney, author of the best-selling book, "Heroic Leadership."

He was in the country recently for a series of discussions on his book, subtitled, "Best Practices From A 450-Year-Old Company That Changed The World."

Lowney told SundayBiz that issues faced by companies today—finding the right niche, making do with little capital, adapting quickly to change, getting the right people, navigating through peaks and valleys, dealing with crises—were the same ones that confronted the Jesuit order as it grew from its beginnings as a loose association of 10 students from the University of Paris.

That the Jesuit order still exists today to become arguably the biggest organized group of priests in the Roman Catholic Church with 21,000 professionals, meant that the Jesuit order did many things right.

Over the centuries, it made the proper decisions, and had the right qualities, for it to have overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges.

Early masters

Lowney said companies today could learn from those moves, and aspire for the same qualities, if they hope to survive.

As Lowney said in his book, if conqueror Attila the Hun, philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli of The Prince fame and professional basketball coaches can be hailed as leadership gurus, why not the Jesuits?

While other so-called leadership gurus discussed about what leaders do, the Jesuits taught about what leaders are, or ought to be.

According to the Jesuits, every person in the organization is a potential leader, and he leads all the time.

There is no one great man to lead all the others, Lowney said. Rather, everyone has influence, and everyone projects influence—good or bad, large or small, all the time.

"Leadership is influencing others, even just one person. Therefore, parents, teachers and colleagues are all leaders. Leadership is defined not by the scale of the opportunity but by the quality of the response," he said.

The Jesuits also espoused the idea that leadership springs from within the person, a product of his personal vision.

It is that personal vision that makes an employee contribute willingly to the fulfillment of the company's vision.

"Company mission statements don't take root simply because they've been elegantly worded. They take root when subordinates see managers take a personal interest in the mission," he said.

Another Jesuit belief is that leadership is not an act, but a way of living.

This means that leadership comes naturally, and it provides an individual the moral compass to guide him through changing winds of company fortune.

"By knowing what [a leader] valued and wanted to achieve, he oriented himself to new environments, adapting confidently to unfamiliar circumstances," he said.

The last major Jesuit contribution to leadership studies is the tenet that being a leader is an ongoing process that demands intimate self-awareness and maturity.

"The external environment evolves and personal circumstances change, as do personal priorities," he said. "All these changes demand consistent balanced growth and evolution as a leader."

The Jesuits profited from these beliefs. So can today's captains of industry.

Lowney said the need to bring out the right leadership skills in corporations has never been more felt as today, when the business world is "adrift ethically" and under increasing pressure to bring out the best in their people to pull the company forward.

For Lowney, success in companies—whether in the secular or religious world—rests firmly on the ability of leaders to get individual people to do their best for the collective good.

The Jesuits demonstrated that, even as early as the 16th century, the model of a company surviving on the strength of just one leader does not work, for the long term.

"What has always made companies successful is individual people bringing to the workplace values that do not necessarily have anything to do with the trade, such as passion and being trustworthy. Those are the personal traits that drive success," Lowney said.

Drawing parallels

The striking parallels between the struggles of the early Jesuits and today's giant corporations slowly dawned on Lowney when he left the "company" of the Jesuits, after seven years as a seminarian and a teacher in Jesuit institutions, for JP Morgan, another successful company, albeit from a different world.

Through the 17 years that he went up the ranks to hold senior positions in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London, he realized that JP Morgan struggled with one fundamental issue: How to elicit leadership from teams scattered across the globe to emerge a winner in the highly-competitive investment banking industry.

Leadership, he learned, was in such short supply. A company tagged as the most-admired banking firm by Fortune magazine was no exception.

There were those who moved up on raw talent and sheer ambition, but failed spectacularly when faced with having to make major, make-or-break decisions. And there were others who were uncomfortable with change and dared not move out of their comfort zone.

Change, unfortunately, was part of the banking industry, and failure to adapt meant certain death.

Lowney said that by the time he left JP Morgan, every one of the 10 largest US banks had been through a transforming merger.

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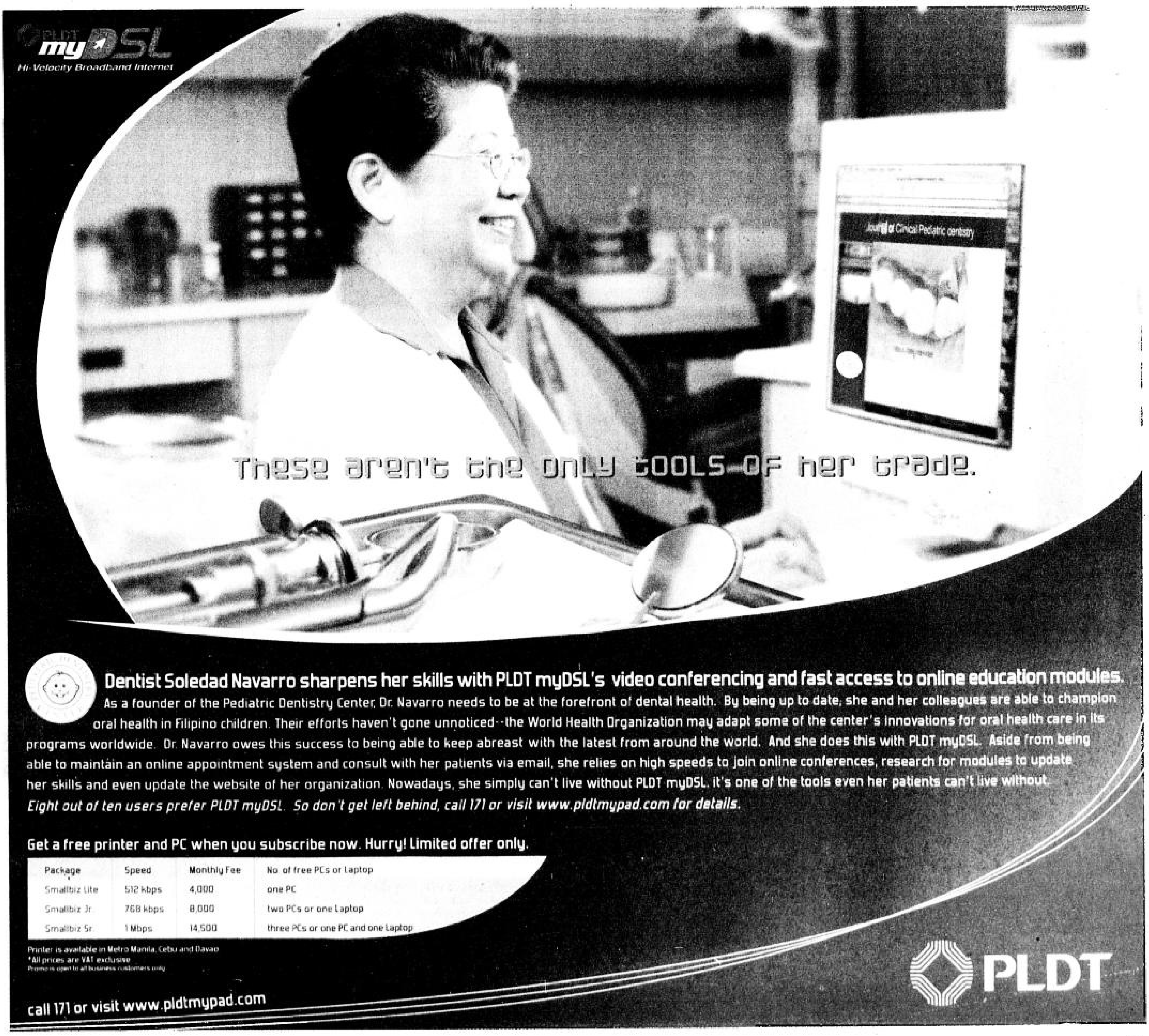

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Pinoys hit paydirt with pop, animé art

TEENER Beejay Remigio is a techie through and through.

He enrolled at the First Academy of Computer Arts against the wishes of his father, a worker overseas.

Remigio asked the school to allow him to pay a daily rate so he could finish his digital arts program.

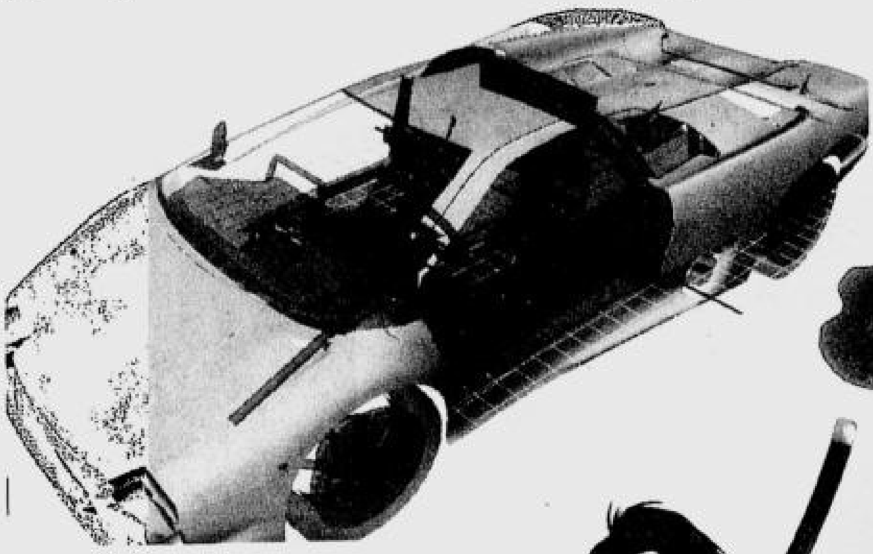
Now Remigio is earning more than his father, who is still sweating it out abroad.

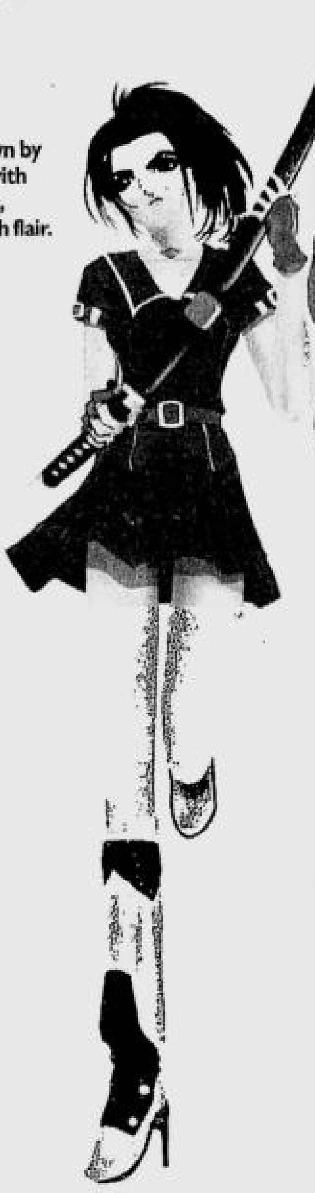
Remigio also has a free hand in picking his employers—something he could never imagine even in his wildest dream.

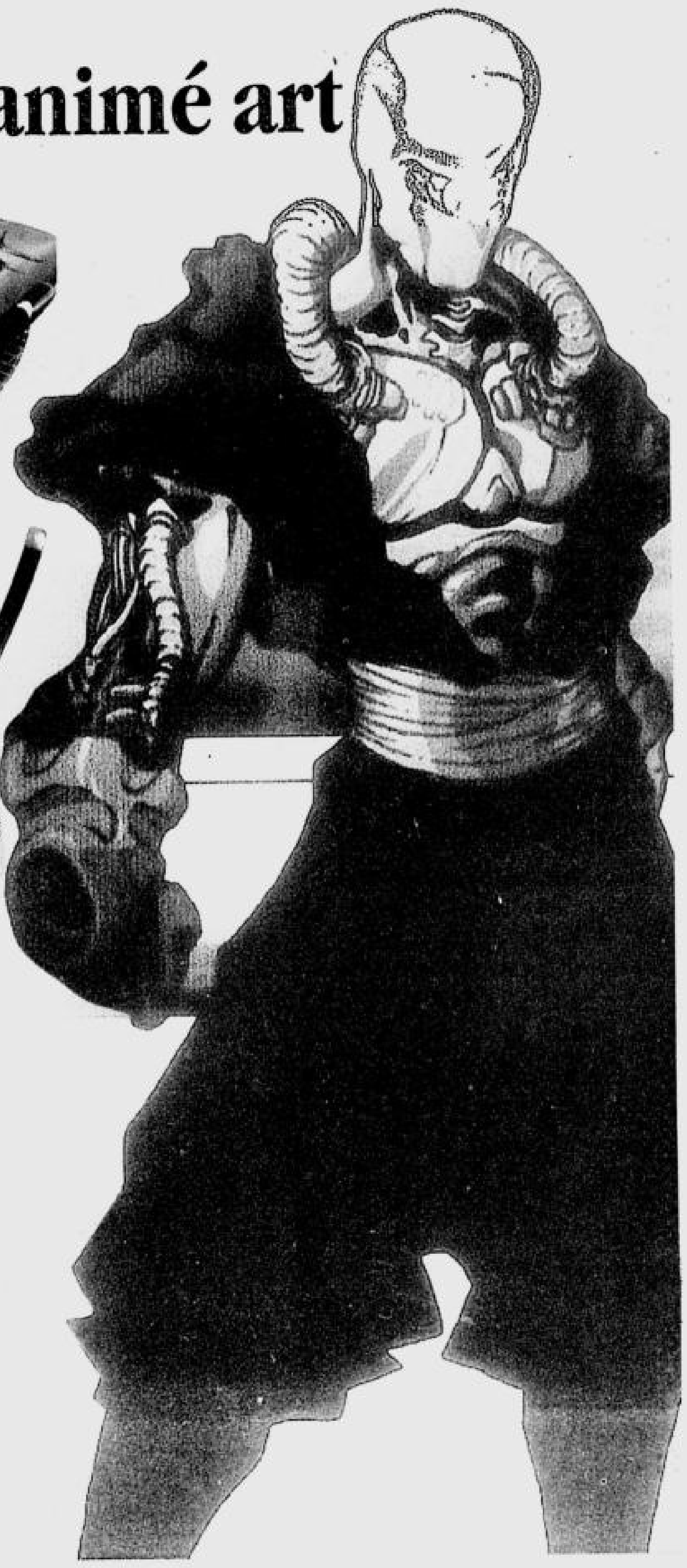
Remigio is just one of many digital artists who found a fruitful career in the field of animation.

The First Academy of Computer Arts was established in 2001 to give Pinoys the edge they need to capture the attention of international clients in search of world-class artists.

One such artist is Ding Tajonera, 50, who recently retired from his nine-to-five job in Makati.







ABOVE, a 3D model of a Lamborghini Diablo, as drawn by Garvin Yao, 23. At right, Alyssa Vargas, 17, came up with this artwork of a female Japanese warrior. At far right, Blaise Andrade, 19, developed this battle android with flair.

Tajonera knows that retired professionals tend to lead sedentary lives. Yet he refuses to accept that he is not that young enough to kick off a new career.

With a few thousand pesos, he went to the Makati office of First Academy of Computer Arts to try his hand at digital arts.

He was introduced to the wonderful world of multimedia arts, 2D and 3D animation, digital photography and digital storytelling and filmmaking.

He learned the principles behind web hosting, visited places without leaving the comforts of the computer room and got to know the likes of various Japanese animé and American cartoon characters while mastering the tricks of digital arts manipulation.

Moving to Texas after he completed the academy's digital arts program, he was commissioned to build and maintain websites for a chain of hotels and restaurants.

Now, he is earning much, much more than what he used to make slaving as a Makati executive for several years.

First Academy pioneered in digital art education in the country.

At a time when computer and fine arts schools were still teaching students the rudiments of web hosting and traditional print arts, the academy was already introducing the latest state-of-the-art programs in the industry.

"While there were many competitors in the areas of web development, we were the first to concentrate on digital arts and film making," said Freddie Lao, First Academy marketing consultant. "We researched extensively before offering these courses and it paid off."

Four years later, a number of schools decided to join the bandwagon. But First Academy remains a cut above the rest.

It prides itself as the institution with the best professors—all practitioners and acknowledged experts in their respective fields.

It boasts of a conducive learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities and applies the most effective hands-on teaching method. The professors make sure that you will leave the academy an expert even after training for three and a half months.

Classes are limited to as small as six students for better teacher-student collaboration.

First Academy has something for everyone—from an extensive, 256-hour digital arts program that trains one to become a bona fide digital artist, to a short yet enriching 20-hour cartoon animation course or junior digital arts module that even schoolchildren will enjoy.

Most of those who enroll at the academy were drawn by the success of Japanese animé features and record-breaking such as "The Incredibles" and "Finding Nemo," said Emil Endozo, First Academy general manager.

Most students prefer to dabble in 3D animation, Manga illustration and the Japanese art programs.

The amateur digital storytelling workshop and digital filmmaking training program are also popular among hobbyists and career shifters.

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Learning from old masters

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He realized then that leadership would separate the winners from the losers.

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It was then that Lowney had his epiphany. Memories of his Jesuit life kicked in and he realized that the Jesuits have been practicing such feedback mechanism, and a host of other leadership tools, for more than 450 years.

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Agriculturist keeps busy making organic honey wine

GUINOBATAN, Albay—"Curiosity pays."

This was how municipal agriculturist Florante Siapno, 52, of Barangay Lumacao in this town explained why he was able to produce healthy, nutritious, organic red wine from honey.

Siapno, who has been in the honeybee-keeping business for over 25 years, said he considers coming up with the honeybee wine one of his greatest—and sweetest—achievements.

He said he got the idea to produce wine from an advanced seminar and training course on honeybee culture and product development at the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

The professors encouraged him and his classmates to look for other products, aside from the usual honey, wax and pollen.

He did just that.

He went through different formulations, that ranged from the disgusting to the bland—before he came up with just the right taste.

A book, entitled, "How To Make Wine," that he borrowed from the UP Los Baños library, helped him along. So did his dedication and single-minded pursuit of the best red wine from honey.

The result is an organic wine that is medicinal and highly nutritious.

It is made of honey, water used in washing the beehive (normally thrown as waste by farmers), *calamansi* and yeast.

The wine boasts of a very low alcohol content at only 2.5 percent, and carries no expiration date.

Just like red wine from the hills of France and Italy, honeybee red wine only tastes better with age.

FLORANTE Siapno and his wine, made of honey. NIÑO JESUS ORBETA/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

He said the honeybee wine was patronized by his peers and government employees.

The wine is made-to-order and costs P250 per liter, the agriculturist said.

The wine is so far his best and most profitable product, although he has done well from his first products.

He said keeping honeybees in the backyard is an ideal venture as it does not require much capital and easy to manage.

The bees also look for their own food, unlike pigs and chickens.

Siapno has hundreds of bee colonies in his two-hectare farm in Barangay Lumacao here.

"The best thing about honeybee products is that the demand is always high in the market," Siapno said.

According to him, the honey, which is popular in the market, costs P800 per gallon.

The wax, which comes from the beehive, is usually made into first-class candles that are made to order for Metro Manila buyers. It costs about P1,500 a kilo.

The bee pollen, on the other hand which is usually supplied by the oriental honeybee (Apis cerena) and stingless bee (Trigonasp), is the main ingredient for making medicines, especially antibiotics.

Honey is the sought-after flavor for pediatric drugs, he added.

Siapno, who also chairs the Cocoline Multipurpose Cooperative that has 521 members, provides employment to the members by buying the tuba they produce. He uses it to make honeybee jam.

There are other products that Siapno believes he can produce from honeybees.

But from what he has achieved so far, he already looks forward to sweet retirement. *Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Davao chamber named best in Asia-Pacific

DAVAO CITY—The city's business chamber was voted best chamber in the Asia Pacific during a selection held in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (DCCCII) bested 21 business groups that included those from China and Japan.

In 2003, DCCCII was also named the best chamber among business groups in the country, but Wednesday's award was the first international recognition for the chamber.

Jason Magnaye, DCCCII executive director, said that the recognition was awarded by the Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Cacci) based in New Delhi.

Cacci, composed of leading business chambers in the region, is also a forum for promoting the vital role of businessmen in increasing regional business interaction and enhancing regional economic growth.

Magnaye said that DCCCII was chosen for its programs for the small and medium enterprise (SME), development membership services, training and investment promotion and policy advocacy.

DCCCII has partnered with financing institutions to provide training and fund access to SMEs, not only those operating in the city but in other parts of Southern Mindanao as well.

Romeo Serra, former DCCCII president, once said that SMEs were the driving force behind the city's economy and that strengthening them would ensure liquidity among bigger companies.

Serra said the recognition given to DCCCII proved that the idea of helping SMEs was the correct way of strengthening the economy of a particular area.

On policy advocacy, DCCCII has been very vocal about the need for peace in Mindanao and for the government to speed up the installation of necessary infrastructures that support agriculture.

It has also been campaigning for a corruption-free government through transparency in government transactions.

Magnaye said the chamber would continue to improve on its programs. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

THE SOUTH African Boer goat outweighs its Philippine cousin.

Sultan Kudarat to turn into Boer goat central

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brought from South Africa to Australia in the late 1980s are considered ideal for breeding in the Philippines, as they are used to the local climate.

Boer goats are also heavier at 45-80 kilos each, compared to the average goat weighing just 8-25 kilos. More meat means more yield for the goat raiser.

There is also a growing demand for goat meat, he says, due to its health benefits. Studies show that goat meat has the least calories among meat from four-legged animals.

Garcia says other countries in Asia are already into South African Boer breeding, and it is time for the Philippines to follow suit, through his company.

The first order of business was to get the right breeding stock with pure bloodlines. There are other companies that sell Boer stocks, but Garcia prides himself in raising purebreds, using a P5-million investment.

"I went to Australia and did not go through traders. I went directly to stud farm owners," explains Garcia.

This way, he cut costs and assured himself of getting only registered Boers.

"Without the certification from the Boer Goat Breeders Association of Australia, the yield and breed of your Boer goat may be suspect, and your customers may just end up with lower quality livestock," he says.

He asked respected South African Boer goat judge, Jacki Jordaan, to choose the first 100 heads of Boer goats to go to the Philippines.

"It is the first in the country. It has never been done," says Garcia.

Garcia, however, is not one to run away from a challenge, thus, he set up two buildings to house the Boers and learned everything he could about this new venture. He also decided that goat feed will come solely from grain raised in the family farm to control and monitor production.

"There are no hormones. [Everything] is natural. The grain feeds [that we grow] are supplemented by high protein and high energy concentrated diet," explains Garcia.

It is hard work ahead for the dedicated farmer, who once traded in his cowboy hat and horse for a car and a suit in the corporate world.

Garcia holds an Economics degree from De La Salle University and worked as an analyst. He soon realized, however, that his heart and his talent belonged to the farm.

Thus, the economist shed his pinstripes for good and settled for the familiar feel of the leather saddle and suede boots. He never regretted the move, and neither did the family corporation.

At 28, he took over the family corporation and the young buck proceed to tinker with feed formulations and look for ways to reduce farm inputs.

In just two years, he was able to cut farm operating costs from P5 million to the P2 to P3 million range. Reengineering and thinking of alternative farm structure materials netted the AC Group of companies valuable savings. Improving the cattle breeding formula, fully integrating farm operations, like raising his own napier grass, likewise improved family finances.

After turning around Villasalud Corp. and AC Garcia Group of companies (his dad's legacy), Garcia is hopeful his pioneering Boer goat venture will yield the same results, which should help the local economy.

"I am currently in exploratory talks with congressmen and senators as well as governors and mayors from different provinces who want to study the potential of taking the Boer goats to their provinces," says Garcia in a phone conversation.

To date, there are two crates of goats bound for Manila and a province in the Visayas.

The prospects of Garcia's pioneering venture are looking bright, and he may just very well achieve his dream of making Tacurong the country's Boer goat central.

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The Applicant shall cause the publication of this Order once in any of the five (5) major newspapers of national circulation in the Philippines or in a newspaper of local circulation, as applicable.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously cause the posting of this Order in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminals and ticketing offices, as applicable.

The applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on 03 March 2005, Thursday at 3:30 PM at the Hearing Room, Maritime Industry Authority-V, 2nd Floor RCSC Bldg., Rizal St., Legazpi City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision.

WITNESS the Honorable Administrator, VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR. this 23rd day of February 2005.

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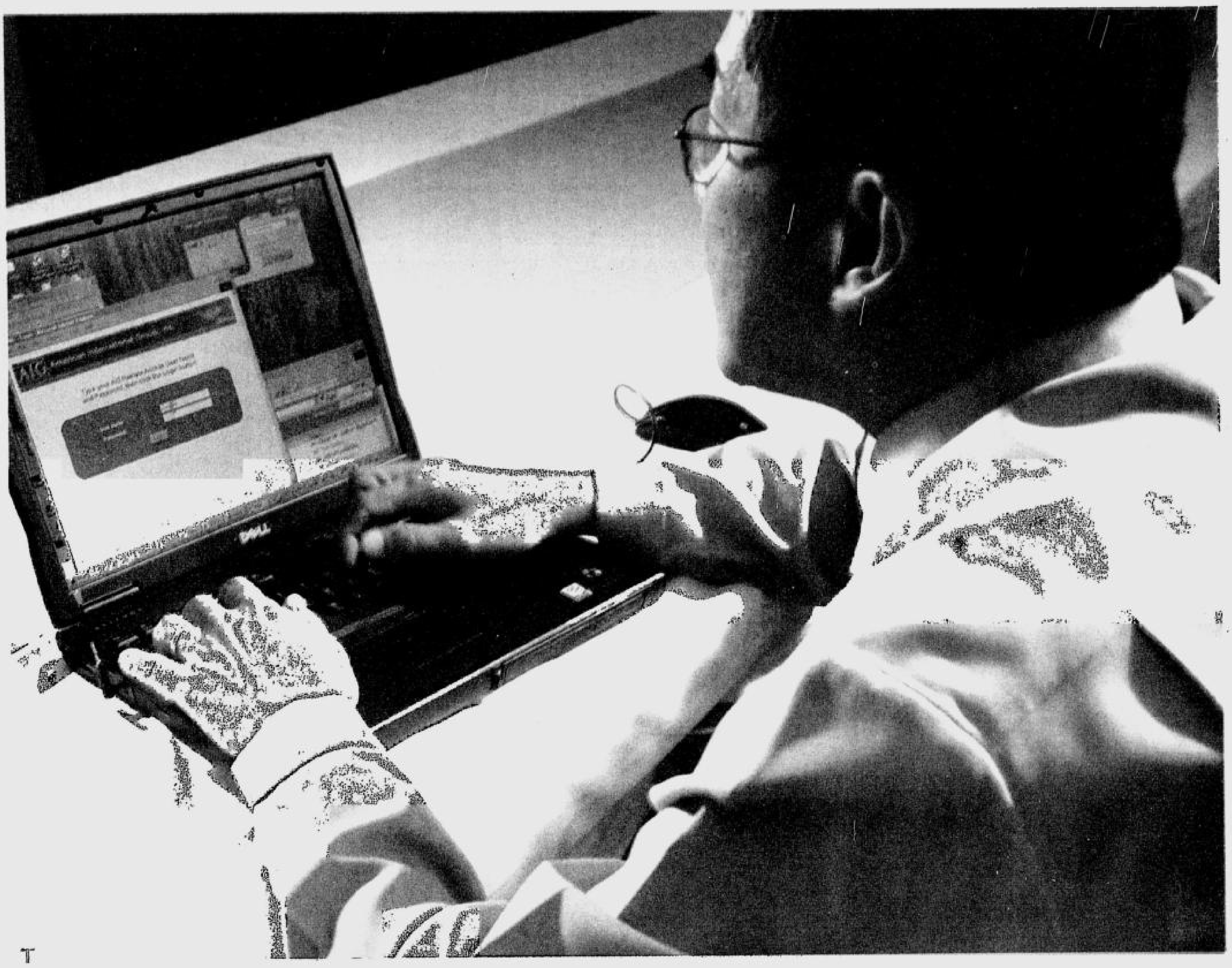

How Connected Are You?

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If you want to call yourself mobile then you have to live it. Like a lot of us growing up in post-yuppie ostentation, I guess I wasn't alone in once regarding the mobile phone with righteous derision. It was after all, the totem of crass materialism, an appliance for the jaded - so "in-your-face".

But as the so-called "bricks" gave way to smaller and smaller "clamshells", being mobile also meant being stylishly discreet. Today, handheld units are on the verge of disappearing altogether in the face of diminutive bluetooth earpieces. We are changing as well, as mobility becomes more widespread.

Mobile phones have reached their apex; some would argue that they have surpassed it. As wireless continues the great leap forward into the realm of email and entertainment, you just know things are going to change, in big ways to say the least.

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"I've heard marketing hype and promo talk, especially here, but the PLDT & SMART team-up makes the claim real," Sue Cheong tells me over coffee at a franchise off Hong Kong's Nathan Road. Sue's an old friend I had met while working a stint in the former British colony; she had even visited the Philippines on several occasions and is familiar with Filipino corporate life. I'm sending this story to you by email on my PDA phone by the way, just to live the mobile life a bit more. Personally, I'm starting to like it.

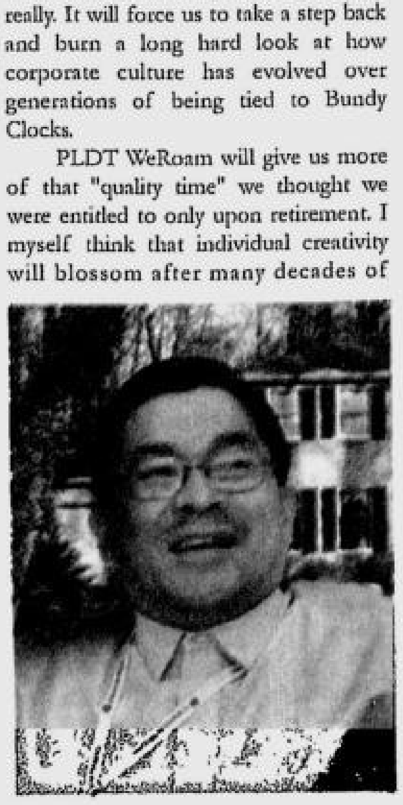
Sue is a regional executive of a cosmetics conglomerate and like me she can't wait for the arrival of full personal connectivity.

Already, PLDT WeRoam has streamlined and maximized organizations that need to be on line and on the road such as Philam Life. "We are capitalizing here on MOBILITY. Our sales force will in the foreseeable future rely heavily on on-line services so PLDT WeRoam will enable our people on the field to stay connected," says Jun San Juan, Vice-president for Philam Life's Data Center Division.

As one of the new breed of corporate executives, Mr. San Juan appreciates how PLDT WeRoam can result to quality time even to an executive with the most hectic of schedules. "I brought it to Batangas and I was working even in the basement conference room in Pontefino Hotel. I had 2 bars on my celfone and 4 bars on my laptop." He told the PLDT WeRoam team with a hearty chuckle, "I even used it on the golf course lounge after my Sunday round."

The implications are mind-boggling, really. It will force us to take a step back and burn a long hard look at how corporate culture has evolved over generations of being tied to Bundy Clocks.

PLDT WeRoam will give us more of that "quality time" we thought we were entitled to only upon retirement. I myself think that individual creativity will blossom after many decades of necessary corporate compromise. Why? People will be less stressed, for one thing.



But it won't be easy. Rigid corporate power structures have evolved around past culture (yes, it's past) and to some who are already contentedly basking in the glory of this tried and tested past, it might be easier getting a rhino to dance than convincing them that change isn't just in the air, we're already living it. Ultimately, it will be visionary CEOs who will make the wise leap when they realize that "quality time" also works for the organization's balance sheet - happy, relaxed workers equal greater productivity.

If what is happening in the developed, connected world is a clarion of things to come in the Philippines, then things bode well for better enabled workers and more efficient corporate operations.

I'm not alone tapping my stylus as I round the corner into Carnavon Road, there are at least a half-dozen business suit types with web pages on their color screens. They don't look at all like the rushed and harried company troops of yore. Not anymore, at least. There's no stress or frenzy on these connected workers to get to the office or meet a deadline anymore, they're doing it all while they saunter down boutique row.

How connected are we? We should hope-- more everyday.

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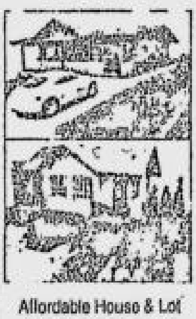

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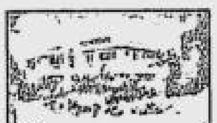

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LOT

ALABANG

548m² WEST GROOVE AYALA Jun 09177182116

KALOOCAN

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VILLA ANGELICA LA279m² FA157m² 4br 3tb P1.7M Vic 8903461 loc 27

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RANCHO VISTA SUBD LA613m2 P2,284/m² Vic 8903461 loc 27

BULACAN

SAN MIGUEL BUL 4000m² P165/m² Vic 8903461 loc 27

CAVITE

DON BOSCO EXEC HTS LA128m2 P2,900m2 Vic 8903461 loc 27

PARKPLACE SUBD LA149.30m² P6,028/m² Vic 8903461 loc 27

PARKPLACE SUBD LA120m² P5,750/m² Vic 8903461 loc 27

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RCBC2_SB002 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 83 sqm. F.A. 46 sqm.
L4 B2 Tierra Nova, Royale Subd.
Min. Bid Price : P 550,000

RCBC2_SB003 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 145 sqm F.A. 27 sqm.
Pearon St. Tierra Nova, Royale Subd.,
Minimum Bid Price: P 800,000

RCBC2_SB004 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 105 sqm. F.A. 40 sqm.
B4 L1 Madrid St., Tierra,
Nova Royale III-B
Min. Bid Price : P 600,000

RCBC1_SB005 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 50 sqm. F.A 36 sqm.
B19 L6 & L8 Palmera Spring
Min. Bid Price : P 520,000

RCBC1_SB006 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 96 sqm. F.A. 67 sqm.
B7 L10 Palmera Spring
Min. Bid Price : P 760,000

RCBC1_SB007 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 50 sqm. F.A. 40 sqm.
B13 L4 Whispering Palms
Min. Bid Price : P 600,000

RCBC1_SB008 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
B6 L17 Whispering Palms
Min. Bid Price : P 540,000

RCBC1_SB009 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 226 sqm F.A. 200 sqm.
B4 L25 Pleasant View Subd
Min. Bid Price : P 2,450,000

RCBC1_SB010 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 216 sqm. F.A. 175 sqm
B1 L17 Hillcrest Subd.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,250,000

RCBC1_SB011 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 153 sqm F.A. 70.18 sqm
20 Athens Vista Verde North
Min. Bid Price : P 1,020,000

MALABON

RCBC1_SB012 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 498 sqm. F.A. 80 sqm.
L2 M. Bios St, Hulong Duhat
Min. Bid Price : P 1,500,000

MARIKINA

RCBC2_SB013 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 420 sqm. F.A. 310 sqm.
Twinville Subd.
Min. Bid Price : P 3,600,00

MUNTINLUPA

RCBC2_SB014 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 154 sqm. F.A. 135 sqm.
L2 B12 Lakeshore Dr.
Lakeshore Homes
Min. Bid Price : P 1,800,000

RCBC2_SB015 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 126 sqm. F.A. 85 sqm
575 Esporlas Compound, Putatan
Min. Bid Price P 400,000

RCBC2_SB016 - RSD'L LOT
L.A. 312 sqm
L11 B53 Orchids St., S. Greenhils Subd.
Min. Bid Price: P 900,000

RCBC2_SB017 - RSD'L - COMM'L BLDG.
L.A. 768 sqm. F.A. 585 sqm.
247 Int. Montilleno St. Alabang
Min. Bid Price: P 4,600,000

PARANAQUE

RCBC2_SB018 - RSD'L LOT
L.A. 331 sqm
L3 B10 Everlasting cor., Violet St., Marcelo Green Vil.
Min. Bid Price : P 1,750,000

PASIG CITY

RCBC_SB019 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm
L11 B14 Anda St.,Christine Royale Garden
Min. Bid Price: P 750,000

RCBC1_SB020 - CONDO UNIT
L.A. 647.94 sqm F.A. 35 sqm
Unit F-301/302 Hampton Gardens
Min. Bid Price : P 5,600,000

RCBC1_SB021 - CONDO UNIT
L.A. 65.34 sqm. F.A. 30 sqm
Unit L101-A-L101 OMM San Miguel Ave.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,940,000

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RCBC1_SB022 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 37.4 sqm F.A. 58.65 sqm
Unit 207-G South Triangle
Min. Bid Price . P 2,150,000

RCBC1_SB023 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 109 sqm F.A. 150 sqm.
B10 L1-A Buck Subd. Fairview
Min. Bid Price P 1,715,000

RCBC1_SB024 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 150.7 sqm.
L9 Merry Homes Fairview
Min. Bid Price . P 1,275,000

RCBC1_SB025 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 72.5 sqm.
L8-A-2 Dahlia Exec. Homes Fairview
Min. Bid Price : P 950,000

RCBC1_SB026 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 325 sqm
1426 North Susana Exec Vill.
Min. Bid Price : P 3,080,000

RCBC1_SB027 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 73 sqm.
L8-D Jem 3 Subd Banlat
Min. Bid Price : P 1,150,000

RCBC1_SB028 - TOWNHOMES
L.A. 29.75 sqm
Unit 15 Villa Andrea Townhomes
Min. Bid Price : P 4,210,000

RCBC1_SB029 - TOWNHOMES
L.A. 60 sqm
Unit 8 Adelle 5 Park Townhomes
Min. Bid Price : P 1,600,000

RCBC1_SB030 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 378 sqm. F.A. 642 sqm.
23 Pinesville, Greenview Exec. Subd.
Min. Bid Price : P 9,280,000

RCBC1_SB031 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 50 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
Century Homes, Novaliches
Min. Bid Price : P 780,000

RCBC2_SB032 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 500 sqm
Seoul Olympics Ave., Jordan Plains, Nova
Min. Bid Price: P 700,000

RCBC1_SB033 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 212 sqm.
B15 L2 Marytown Circle, Nova
Min. Bid Price : P 2,300,000

RCBC1_SB034 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 79.3 sqm.
11 Camia DRJ Subd. Sauyo, Nova
Min. Bid Price : P 1,020,000

RCBC1_SB035 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 400 sqm.
#29 Susana St., Gulod Nova
Min. Bid Price : P 920,000

RCBC1_SB036 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 54 sqm. F.A. 65 sqm.
B1 L116 Grandwood Villas Old Balara
Min. Bid Price : P 2,500,000

RCBC1_SB037 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 79 sqm.
B1 L89 Grandwood Villas Old Balara
Min. Bid Price : P 1,300,000

RCBC1_SB038 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 100 sqm.
Grandwood Villas Old Balara
Min. Bid Price : P 1,825,000

RCBC1_SB039 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 111 sqm F.A. 88 sqm.
Grandwood Villas Old Balara
Min. Bid Price : P 1,215,000

RCBC1_SB040 - RSDL LOT W. IMPRVMT
L.A. 65 sqm.
Unit 10 Varsity Hills
Min. Bid Price : P 3,530,000

RCBC1_SB041 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 110 sqm
818 Angel St., Napocor Village TS
Min. Bid Price : P 830,000

RCBC1_SB042 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 81.8 sqm. F.A. 76 sqm.
Unit 9 Apo Comp TS
Min. Bid Price : P 1,350,000

GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN

RCBC1_SB043 - RSDL CONDO
L.A 590 sqm F.A. 220 sqm
Unit D 24/F Eisenhower Goldland, Greenhills
Min. Bid Price : P 2,360,000

VALENZUELA

RCBC1_SB044 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 310 sqm. F.A. 350 sqm.
218 16th St., Fortune Village
Min. Bid Price : P 4,530,000

RCBC1_SB045 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 247 sqm.
233 20th St., Fortune Village
Min. Bid Price : P 2,660,000

RCBC1_SB046 - COMM'L LOT
L.A. 949.8 sqm.
203 McArthur Karuhatan
Min. Bid Price P 18,840,000

ANTIPOLO CITY

RCBC2_SB047 - ROW HOUSE
L.A. 50 sqm F.A. 40 sqm
L8 B12 Alley 5 Woodrow Hills San Jose
Min. Bid Price : P 400,000

RCBC2_SB048 - ROW HOUSE
L.A. 75 sqm F.A. 40 sqm
L39 B15 Princeton St.,
Woodrow Hills
Min. Bid Price : P 450,000

RCBC2_SB049 - ROW HOUSE
L.A. 143 sqm. F.A. 38 sqm.
L2 B5 Olympus Dr.,
Woodrow Hills
Min. Bid Price : P 775,000

RCBC2_SB050 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 126 sqm. F.A. 82 sqm.
L91 B9 San Remo St.,
Hills of Mars Alta
Min. Bid Price: P 1,600,000

RCBC2_SB051 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 98 sqm. F.A. 70 sqm
L19 B7 Ponolino St.,
Mars Alta Subd.
Min. Bid Price: P 935,000

RCBC2_SB052 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 96 sqm. F.A. 70 sqm.
L22 B10 Piedmont St.,
Hills of Mars Alta
Min. Bid Price: P 1,600,000

RCBC2_SB053 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 102 sqm F.A. 56 sqm.
L47 B7 Venico St.,
Mars Alta Subd.
Min. Bid Price: P 850,000

RCBC2_SB054 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm F.A. 80 sqm.
L7 B37 Venice St., Mars Alta
Min. Bid Price: P 1,200,000

RCBC1_SB055 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 132 sqm F.A. 80 sqm
B4 L2 Hills of Mars Alta
Min. Bid Price : P 1,300,000

RCBC2_SB056 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,415 sqm
L1 B14 Victoria Valley Subd.,
Mayamot
Min. Bid Price: P 3,800,000

RCBC2_SB058 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,030 sqm.
Mission Hills
Min. Bid Price : P 4,000,000

RCBC2_SB059 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 172 sqm F.A. 200 sqm.
397 Dela Virgen St., San Isidro,
Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : P 1,000,000

RCBC2_SB060 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 404 sqm F.A. 189 sqm.
L2 B10 Laurelwood St
Cottonwood Heights
Min. Bid Price. P 3,000,000

RCBC2_SB061 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 340 sqm. F.A. 147 sqm.
L4 B3 Cottonwood Heights
Min. Bid Price: P 3,100,000

RCBC2_SB062 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 266 sqm. F.A. 136 sqm.
L7 B1 Cottonwood Heights
Min. Bid Price: P 2,700,000

RCBC2_SB063 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 203 sqm. F.A. 116 sqm.
L1 B4 Cottonwood Heights
Min. Bid Price: P 2,100,000

RCBC1_SB064 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,415 sqm.
B14 L17 Victoria Valley
Min. Bid Price : P 3,860,000

RCBC1_SB065 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 170 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
B7 L7, 9 & 11 Loremar Exec.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,525,000

RCBC1_SB066 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 156 sqm. F.A. 76 sqm.
B7 L1 Crestview
Min. Bid Price : P 990,000

BULACAN

RCBC2_SB067 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 116 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
L35 B24 Palmera Homes,2A Bo. Sto. Cristo, SJDM
Min. Bid Price. P 400,000

RCBC2_SB068 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 44 sqm F.A. 34 sqm
L6 B31 Alley 16 Northridge Subd., Sto. Cristo JDM
Min. Bid Price: P 150,000

RCBC2_SB069 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 480 sqm
Eucalyptus St., Greenplains Subd., Calumpit
Min. Bid Price: P 1,600,000

RCBC2_SB070 - COMM'L LOT
L.A. 2,471 sqm.
Burol 1st., Balagtas,
Min. Bid Price. P 20,000,000

RCBC2_SB071 - IND'L WAREHOUSE
L.A. 845 sqm. F.A. 809 sqm.
RIS Industrial Complex, Mercado St., Guguinto
Min. Bid Price: P 6,200,000

RCBC2_SB072 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,683 sqm
Barrio Sto. Rosario, Malolos
Min. Bid Price. P 5,000,000

RCBC2_SB073 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 143 sqm F.A. 25 sqm.
La Poblacion Dr. SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 350,000

RCBC2_SB074 - RESDL LOT
L.A 5,497 sqm
Barrio Mabalo, Malolos
Min. Bid Price. P 5,500,000

RCBC1_SB075 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 204.28 sqm. F.A. 110 sqm
F Estrella St., Malolos
Min. Bid Price P 1,520,000

RCBC1_SB076 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 207 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
89 Sumapang Bata, Malolos
Min. Bid Price: P 1,000,000

RCBC2_SB077 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 704 sqm. F.A. 132 sqm
Lot 678 Agnaya, Plaridel
Min. Bid Price P 3,285,000

RCBC1_SB078 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 45 sqm. F.A. 23 sqm.
589 Parulan, Plaridel
Min. Bid Price: P 1,000,000

RCBC1_SB079 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 540 sqm. F.A. 200 sqm.
5066 Mary Grace Subd. Sto. Niño, Plaridel
Min. Bid Price: P 2,130,000

RCBC1_SB080 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,958 sqm.
Lot 3004 C Camngyanan, Sta. Maria
Min. Bid Price: P 2,420,000

RCBC1_SB081 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,708 sqm. F.A. 100 sqm
216 Liwasan San Vicente, Sta. Maria
Min. Bid Price P 2,500,000

RCBC1_SB082 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 56 sqm F.A. 48 sqm.
B7 L20 Northwinds City SJDM
Min. Bid Price P 230,000

RCBC1_SB083 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 60 sqm. F.A. 25 sqm.
B3 L6 Northwinds City, SJDM
Min. Bid Price P 225,000

RCBC1_SB084 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 100 sqm.
Cutcot Pulilan
Min. Bid Price: P 6,560,000

RCBC1_SB085 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 350 sqm. F.A. 120 sqm.
B2 L5 & L7 Violeta Metroville, Bocaue
Min. Bid Price: P 2,870,000

RCBC1_SB086 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 79 sqm. F.A. 48 sqm
L1087 Bocaue
Min. Bid Price: P 1,060,000

RCBC1_SB087 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 285 sqm. F.A. 76 sqm.
147 Bunlo St., Bocaue
Min. Bid Price: P 2,200,000

RCBC1_SB088 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,402 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
Sapang Palay SJDM
Min. Bid Price P 11,600,000

RCBC2_SB089 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 61 sqm F.A. 40 sqm
L6 B21 Sampaguita & Calachuchi Sts., Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price. P 150,000

RCBC1_SB090 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 35 sqm. F.A. 20 sqm.
B14 L10 Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price P 290,000

RCBC1_SB091 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 35 sqm F.A. 27 sqm
B32 L25 Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price P 120,000

RCBC1_SB092 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 60 sqm F.A. 25 sqm.
B3 L6 Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price. P 225,000

RCBC1_SB093 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 73 sqm. F.A. 22.5 sqm.
B12 L38 Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 400,000

RCBC1_SB094 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 50 sqm. F.A 30 sqm.
B28 L49 Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 325,000

RCBC1_SB095 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,421 sqm. F.A. 0 sqm.
Camia cor. Everlasting Carissa Homes SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 1,400,000

RCBC1_SB096 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 79 sqm F.A. 56 sqm.
B3 L28 Northwinds City SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 400,000

RCBC1_SB097 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 77 sqm F.A. 32 sqm.
B19 L9 Northwinds City SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 270,000

RCBC1_SB098 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 70 sqm. F.A. 22.5 sqm.
B9 L2 Northridge Exec. SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 340,000

RCBC1_SB099 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,528 sqm. F.A. 305 sqm.
229 Marulal Pandi
Min. Bid Price: P 5,960,000

RCBC1_SB100 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 70 sqm. F.A. 20 sqm.
B5 L13 La Poblacion SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 170,000

RCBC1_SB101 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 54 sqm. F.A. 20.62 sqm.
B8 L8 Camella Homes 2 SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 260,000

RCBC1_SB102 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 35 sqm. F.A 27 sqm.
B16 L40 Camella Homes 2 SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 275,000

RCBC1_SB103 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 230 sqm. F.A. 80 sqm.
8 Bungahan, Malolos
Min. Bid Price: P 450,000

RCBC1_SB104 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,000 sqm F.A. 140 sqm
Sta. Rosa II, Marilao
Min. Bid Price: P 2,550,000

RCBC1_SB105 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 69 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
Bulacan/SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 130,000

CABANATUAN

RCBC1_SB106 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 5,686 sqm F.A. 1,310 sqm.
Lot 1390 D Sabysoy Cabanatuan
Min. bid Price : P 14,500,000

CAVITE

RCBC2_SB107 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 77 sqm F.A. 40 sqm.
L12 B5 Ohio St., Camella Homes Barcelona, Imus
Min. Bid Price: P 350,000

RCBC2_SB108 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 49 sqm F.A. 37 sqm
L6 B15 Alley 10 San Marino Subd., Dasma
Min. Bid Price P 180,000

RCBC2_SB109 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 35 sqm. F.A. 26 sqm
L10 B7 Naples St., Carissa Homes, San Marino, Dasma
Min. Bid Price: P 140,000

RCBC2_SB110 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 35 sqm. F.A. 20 sqm
L10 B5 Alley 3 San Marino Subd., Dasma
Min. Bid Price: P 140,000

RCBC2_SB111 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm F.A. 126 sqm.
L29 B12 Margarita Dr., La Mediterranea, Dasma
Min. Bid Price: P 900,000

RCBC2_SB112 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 122 sqm F.A. 84 sqm.
L2 B21-A Saratoga Dr., La Mediterranea, Dasma
Min. Bid Price P 1,170,000

RCBC2_SB113 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 109 sqm F.A. 72 sqm.
L32 B15 Montecillo St., La Mediterranea, Dasma
Min. Bid Price. P 1,280,000

RCBC2_SB114 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 126 sqm
252 Margarita St., La Mediterranea, Dasma
Min. Bid Price P 1,600,000

RCBC1_SB115 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 113 sqm F.A. 72 sqm.
La Mediterranea, Pala-Pala, Dasma
Min. Bid Price : P 1,225,000

RCBC1_SB116 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 132 sqm. F.A. 84 sqm.
La Mediterranea, Covina Triangle, Dasma
Min. Bid Price : P 930,000

RCBC2_SB117 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 96 sqm. F.A 60 sqm
L16 B10 Louisiana cor. Main St., Camella Barcelona
Min. Bid Price. P 810,000

RCBC2_SB118 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 64 sqm F.A 52 sqm.
L30 B9 St. Rafael Ave., San Rafael Exec. Villas,Bacoor
Min. Bid Price: P 800,000

RCBC1_SB119 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 65 sqm F.A. 45 sqm.
CH-Sorrento II, Banaba St., Habay, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 655,000

RCBC1_SB120 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 80 sqm.
Blk 48 Lot 05, Georgetown Heights II, Molino
Min. Bid Price . P 620,000

RCBC1_SB121 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 150 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
Addis 2-C, Blk 04 Lot 05, St. Bernard St. Molino
Min. Bid Price : P 590,000

RCBC1_SB122 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm F.A. 36 sqm.
Georgetown Heights II, Molino, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 750,000

RCBC1_SB123 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
Georgetown Heights II, Molino, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 600,000

RCBC1_SB124 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 63 sqm.
Woodwind Village, Molino IV, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 1,055,000

RCBC1_SB125 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 109 sqm. F.A. 93 sqm.
Sorrento Executive Homes, Panapaan, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 1,150,000

RCBC1_SB126 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 111 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
Sorrento Executive Homes, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 730,000

RCBC1_SB127 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 84 sqm. F.A. 28 sqm.
Springville Meadows, Pensylvannia St., Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 450,000

RCBC1_SB128 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 60 sqm. F.A. 54 sqm.
San Rafael Exec. Villa, Habay, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 675,000

RCBC1_SB129 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 119 sqm F.A. 80 sqm.
Citta Italia de Milano, Mambog III, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 1,050,000

RCBC1_SB130 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 42 sqm.
Springville Exec. I, Managers Drive, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 565,000

RCBC1_SB131 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A 50 sqm.
Springville Exec. I, Managers Drive, Bacoor
Min. Bid Price : P 835,000

RCBC1_SB132 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 90 sqm. F.A. 28 sqm.
Sunnydale Executive Subd., Alapan, Imus
Min. Bid Price : P 300,000

RCBC1_SB133 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 137 sqm. F.A. 31 sqm.
Sunnydale Executive Subd., Alapan
Min. Bid Price : P 530,000

RCBC1_SB134 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 109 sqm F.A. 25 sqm.
Sunnydale Executive Subd., Alapan
Min. Bid Price : P 330,000

RCBC1_SB135 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 90 sqm. F.A. 25 sqm.
Sunnydale Executive Subd., Alapan
Min. Bid Price : P 290,000

GENERAL SANTOS CITY

RCBC2_SB136 - AGRI LOT
L.A. 745 sqm
San Isidro, Gen. Santos City
Min. Bid Price: P 350,000

ILO-ILO CITY

RCBC2_SB137 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,060 sqm
Divinagracia St., La Paz
Min. Bid Price: P 7,250,000

LAGUNA

RCBC2_SB138 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 135 sqm. F.A. 76 sqm.
532 Apricot St., La Marea, San Pedro
Min. Bid Price: P 1,200,000

RCBC2_SB139 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 573 sqm F.A. 82 sqm.
L 15 & 16 B4 Chesnut St., La Marea, San Pedro
Min. Bid Price. P 3,056,000

RCBC2_SB140 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
L5 B2 Pamela Homes, Brgy. Cabuo-an, Sta Maria
Min. Bid Price : P 140,000

RCBC1_SB141 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 259 sqm. F.A. 160 sqm.
B37 L6 Buhangin Garden Vill. Sta Maria
Min. Bid Price: P 3,000,000

RCBC2_SB142 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 193 sqm F.A. 77 sqm.
L30 B2 Along Barrio Rd., Sto. Domingo, Bay
Min. Bid Price : P 360,000

RCBC2_SB143 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 575 sqm
L9 B13 Promenade Subd. Sta Rosa
Min. Bid Price. P 3,500,000

RCBC2_SB144 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 809 sqm
L6 B2 Bella Reva Subd., Sta Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 5,000,000

RCBC2_SB145 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 615 sqm
L42 B7 Bella Reva Subd., Sta Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 3,700,000

RCBC2_SB146 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 744 sqm
L38 B4 Bella Reva Subd., Sta. Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 4,500,000

RCBC2_SB147 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 530 sqm
L20 B11 Bella Reva Subd., Sta Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 3,000,000

RCBC2_SB148 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm
L22 B8 La Residencia Subd., Sta. Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 900,000

RCBC2_SB149 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 276 sqm
L26 B28 Zenon St., La Residencia, Sta. Rosa
Min. Bid Price. P 1,500,000

RCBC2_SB150 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 335 sqm
L19 B2 La Reina St., La Residencia, Sta Rosa
Min. Bid Price: P 2,300,000

RCBC2_SB151 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 91 sqm.
L7 B6 Cypress St., La Marea, Ph 1 San Pedro
Min. Bid Price: P 1,340,000

RCBC2_SB152 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 252 sqm
L13 B2 Parklane St., La Marea, San Pedro
Min. Bid Price: P 2,700,000

RCBC2_SB153 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 73 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
L2 B2 Pamela Homes, Brgy. Cabuo-an, Sta. Maria
Min. Bid Price: P 130,000

RCBC2_SB154 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 97 sqm. F.A. 36 sqm.
L2 B6 Pamela Homes, Brgy. Cabuo-an, Sta. Maria
Min. Bid Price: P 140,000

RCBC2_SB155 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 78 sqm F.A. 42 sqm.
L16 B8 Camella Bermuda Homes, Banlic, Cabuyao
Min. Bid Price: P 360,000

RCBC1_SB156 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 73 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
CH-Banlic, B5 L5, Barley St., Cabuyao
Min. Bid Price : P 350,000

RCBC1_SB157 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 40 sqm. F.A. 21 sqm.
St. Joseph Village III, B16 L8, Mamatid, Cabuyao
Min. Bid Price : P 155,000

RCBC1_SB158 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 181 sqm. F.A. 167 sqm.
La Marea Trails, Blk 6 Lot 15, San Antonio
Min. Bid Price : P 2,800,000

RCBC1_SB159 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 244 sqm. F.A. 112 sqm.
La Marea, Blk 1 Lot 21, San Antonio
Min. Bid Price : P 1,225,000

RCBC1_SB160 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 64 sqm.
La Marea, Blk 14 Lot 17, San Antonio
Min. Bid Price : P 1,225,000

RCBC1_SB161 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 118 sqm. F.A. 64 sqm.
La Marea, Blk 9 Lot 8, San Antonio
Min. Bid Price : P 1,300,000

RCBC1_SB162 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 178 sqm. F.A. 122 sqm.
La Marea, Blk 3 Lot 24, San Antonio
Min. Bid Price : P 2,320,000

RCBC1_SB163 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 530 sqm.
Bella Reva Subd., Blk 11 Lot 29, Don jose
Min. Bid Price : P 3,445,000

LAS PIÑAS

RCBC1_SB164 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 270 sqm
Jave Murphy Street
B F Resort Exec. Village.
Min. Bid Price : P 1,485,000

RCBC1_SB165 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 208 sqm. F.A. 271 sqm.
M. Jhocson St.,
B F Resort Exec. Village.
Min. Bid Price : P 4,050,000

RCBC1_SB166 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 349 sqm F.A 70 sqm.
Lot 5 & 7, B.F. Resort Village.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,385,000

RCBC1_SB167 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A 60 sqm.
Lot 78, La Segovia,
B F Resort Village.
Min. Bid Price : P 1,020,000

RCBC1_SB168 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm F.A. 105 sqm.
CH - Classic, B7-A L13,
Revelation St., Almanza
Min. Bid Price : P 1,370,000

RCBC1_SB169 - HPUSE & LOT
L.A. 240 sqm. F.A. 395 sqm.
B F Resort Village, B18 L4
Min. Bid Price : P 5,960,000

RCBC1_SB170 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 315 sqm. F.A. 194 sqm.
2 Uranium St., Camella Homes Classic IV.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,550,000

RCBC1_SB171 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
L43, La Segovia, Talon, B.F. Resort Village
Min. Bid Price : P 1,020,000

RCBC1_SB172 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
L53, La Segovia, B.F. Resort Village.
Min. Bid Price : P 1,020,000

RCBC1_SB173 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 148 sqm. F.A. 160 sqm.
No. 54 Minuet St., Talon Dos,
Sta Cecilia Village,
Min. Bid Price : P 1,800,000

RCBC1_SB174 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 238 sqm. F.A. 112 sqm.
No. 51, Dao Street, Pilar Village,
Min. Bid Price P 2,000,000

PAMPANGA

RCBC2_SB175 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm F.A 67 sqm
L5 B16-A Palmera Homes,
Sto Cristo
Min. Bid Price: P 450,000

RCBC1_SB176 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 104 sqm F.A. 30 sqm
B7 L12 Palmera Homes
Min. Bid Price. P 320,000

RCBC1_SB177 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A 32 sqm
B4 L107 Royal Meadows Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 340,000

RCBC1_SB178 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B1-L73 Royal Meadows Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 440,000

RCBC1_SB179 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 191 sqm. F.A. xx sqm.
B10 L66 Royal Meadows, Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 720,000

RCBC1_SB180 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 689 sqm. F.A. 250 sqm.
B7 L2 Greenfields Country Club, San Fernando
Min. Bid Price: P 4,155,000

RCBC1_SB181 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B4 L121 Villa Viva Subd., Tagle Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 470,000

RCBC1_SB182 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 150 sqm. F.A. 40 sqm.
B2 L18 Palmera Homes, Angeles
Min. Bid Price: P 430,000

RCBC1_SB183 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B4 L93 Villa Viva Subd., Tagle Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 440,000

RCBC1_SB184 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B1 L3 Metroclark Homes, Angeles
Min. Bid Price: P 630,000

RCBC1_SB185 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 110 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B9 L109 Royal Meadows, Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 470,000

RCBC1_SB186 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 31 sqm.
B10 L83 Villa Viva Subd., Tagle Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 450,000

RCBC1_SB187 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 189 sqm. F.A. 31 sqm.
B10 L77 Villa Viva Subd., Tagle Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 560,000

RCBC1_SB188 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 134 sqm F.A. 32 sqm.
B6 L79 Royal Meadows, Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 620,000

RCBC1_SB189 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B10 L82 Royal Meadows, Mexico
Min. Bid Price: P 500,000

RCBC1_SB190 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 132 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B2 L12 Metroclark Homes, Angeles
Min. Bid Price: P 670,000

RCBC1_SB191 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 130 sqm. F.A. 32 sqm.
B1 L8 Metroclark Homes, Angeles
Min. Bid Price: P 630,000

QUEZON PROVINCE

RCBC2_SB192 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 200 sqm F.A 89 sqm.
Bo Capt. Pascual Tejada St., Masain, Candelaria
Min. Bid Price: P 600,000

CAINTA, TAYTAY, ANGONO, BINANGONAN, SAN MATEO, RIZAL

RCBC2_SB193 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,768 sqm.
Felix Ave., Cainta
Min. Bid Price : P 17,000,000

RCBC2_SB194 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,318 sqm.
Bgy San Juan, Cainta
Min. Bid Price : P 13,200,000

RCBC2_SB195 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 231 sqm.
L4 B11 Village East, Cainta
Min. Bid Price . P 925,000

RCBC1_SB196 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 204 sqm. F.A. 240 sqm.
Greenwoods Exec. Vil., Cainta
Min. Bid Price : P 2,935,000

RCBC2_SB197 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 116 sqm F.A. 202 sqm.
Doña Nieves, Sto Niño, Angono
Min. Bid Price : P 2,000,000

RCBC2_SB198 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 264 sqm F.A. 485 sqm.
3rd Street, St. Martin Subd., Angono
Min. Bid Price : P 900,000

RCBC2_SB199 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 150 sqm. F.A. 148 sqm.
Ridgemont Exec. Vill., San Isidro, Taytay
Min. Bid Price : P 2,000,000

RCBC2_SB200 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 234 sqm.
18 Sampaguita St., Aranzazu Subd., San Mateo
Min. Bid Price : P 900,000

RCBC2_SB201 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 70 sqm F.A. 32 sqm
Palmera Homes Tierra Monte, Silangan, San Mateo
Min. Bid Price : P 200,000

RCBC2_SB202 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 240 sqm F.A. 232 sqm.
L29 B5 Marvi Hills Subd., San Mateo
Min. Bid Price : P 1,700,000

RCBC1_SB203 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 77 sqm F.A. 25 sqm
B8 L1 Tierra Monte, San Mateo
Min. Bid Price : P 415,000

RCBC2_SB204 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,906 sqm.
Sitio Lubigan, Bgy Plaza Aldea, Tanay
Min. Bid Price : P 500,000

RCBC1_SB205 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 50 sqm F.A 60 sqm
Rizal/Binangonan
Min. Bid Price P 2,050,000

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Lot Area: 474 sqm.
Floor Area: various
Lot 6, Blk. 4, Morning Glory cor. Easter Lily St., BF Homes Subd., Phase III, Deparo
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LAS PINAS

LOT 3 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 971 sqm.
L62-A, B1, Brgy. Aldana, Padre Sierra Avenue (Quirino Ave.), National Rd., Pulang Lupa
Minimum Bid Price: 13,459,000

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Lot Area 6,463 sqm.
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Minimum Bid Price 72,741,000

MAKATI CITY

CONDO-COMM'L
27/F Pacific Star Bldg., G. Puyat Ave cor Makati Ave

LOT 5 - Unit 2705
Floor Area 268.22 sqm.
Minimum Bid Price: 11,333,000

LOT 6 - Unit 2706,
Floor Area 262.6 sqm.
Minimum Bid Price 11,095,000

MALABON

LOT 7 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area 786 sqm.
Floor Area 555.7 sqm.
No. 1 Dahlia corner White Lily Street, Araneta Village, Malabon
Minimum Bid Price 5,305,000

MUNTINLUPA CITY

LOT 8 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 319 sqm.
Lot 26, Block 3-E, Orange St., Ruby Park, Victoria Homes, Tunasan
Minimum Bid Price 638,000

PARANAQUE CITY

LOT 9 - CONDO-RESDL
Floor Area 164.62
Unit 1703, Pacific Coast Condo Project, Coastal Road, Tambo
Minimum Bid Price 3,000,000

LOT 10 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 749 sqm.
Lot 1, Abalone St., Jaleville Subd., Brgy San Dionisio
Minimum Bid Price 3,671,000

PASIG CITY

LOT 11 - CONDO-RESDL
Floor Area 167.06 sqm.
Unit 804 Pearl Plaza Condo., Pearl Drive, Ortigas Centre
Minimum Bid Price 4,600,000

QUEZON CITY

LOT 12 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area 273 sqm.
Floor Area: 285 sqm.
No 40 Caragay St., San Francisco Del Monte
Minimum Bid Price: 2,590,000

LOT 13 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area 400 sqm.
Floor Area various
No. 28 Pisces St., Carmel V Subd., Tandang Sora
Minimum Bid Price 4,830,000

LOT 14 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area 381 sqm.
Floor Area 176 sqm.
No 45 East Riverside St., San Francisco Del Monte
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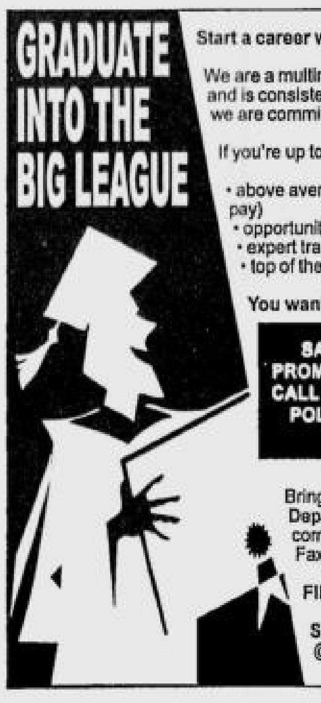

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February 27, 2005

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The GOP has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) toward the financing of Third Elementary Education Project, and it intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the contract.

The Department of Education now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Storey Division Office Building of Aurora. Completion of the works is required in a period of 180 calendar days.

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A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders at the following address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Php 3,000.00 starting February 29, 2005.

Department of Education
Division of Aurora
Baler, Aurora

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of two and a half percent (2.5%) of total bid price, and shall be delivered to the Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education on or before 10:00 am on March 29, 2005 at same address as above at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

A pre-bid conference will be held on March 16, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the same address to respond to prospective Bidder's questions regarding any matter contained in the Bidding Documents.

The Department of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) FLORFINA C. GOMEZ
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Division of Eastern Samar
Third Elementary Education Project
Borongan, Eastern Samar

February 27, 2005

Invitation for Bids

Construction of One (1) Unit – Two Storey Division Office Building of Eastern Samar

(Funded by GOP and JBIC Loan No. PH-184P)

To All Eligible Bidders

The GOP has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) toward the financing of Third Elementary Education Project, and it intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the contract.

The Department of Education now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Storey Division Office Building of Eastern Samar. Completion of the works is required in a period of 180 calendar days.

The procurement will be conducted in accordance with the applicable version of the JBIC's *Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by Interested Bidders at the following address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Php 3,000.00 starting February 28, 2005.

Department of Education
Division of Eastern Samar
Borongan, Eastern Samar

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A pre-bid conference will be held on March 14, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Department of Education Regional Office, Region VII, Palo, Leyte to respond to prospective Bidder's questions regarding any matter contained in the Bidding Documents.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Division of Southern Leyte
Third Elementary Education Project
Maasin, Southern Leyte

February 27, 2005

Invitation for Bids

Construction of One (1) Unit – Two Storey Division Office Building of Southern Leyte

(Funded by GOP and World Bank Loan No. 4108PH)

To All Eligible Bidders

The GOP has received a loan from the World Bank toward the financing of Third Elementary Education Project , and it intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the contract.

The Department of Education now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of One (1) Unit – Two Storey Division Office Building of Southern Leyte. Completion of the works is required in 180 calendar days.

The procurement will be conducted in accordance with the applicable version of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders at the following address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Php 3,000.00 starting February 28, 2005.

Department of Education
Division of Southern Leyte
Maasin, Southern Leyte

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of two and a half percent (2.5%) of total bid price, and shall be delivered to the Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education on or before 10:00 am on March 29, 2005 at same address as above at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

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8 January 1938 – 25 February 2005

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him
that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man!"
– William Shakespeare

His loving wife, **Victoria Pineda Garchitorena**; his loving children, **Jaime Casto Jose, Rafael Rene, Isabel Regina Flor, Teresa Maria Carmen, Carlos Daniel Francisco**; his loving grandson **Lorenzo**; his loving niece, **Consuelo Borjal Lenz**, relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City. Interment will be at Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City on Tuesday, March 01, 2005 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Santuario de San Antonio.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ateneo de Naga Scholarship Foundation will be greatly appreciated.

We remember with love,

JOSE MARIA ARCENAS CARIÑO
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JONG lives here

On his first death anniversary tomorrow
February 28, 2005

We, his parents, Larry & Bingbing
brother, JP
sister, Christy

Invite you to join us in prayer
for the eternal repose of his soul.

A special Mass will be said at the
Lower Chapel, St. James the Great Parish Church,
Ayala Alabang at 7:00 p.m.

Masses will also be celebrated in the following churches:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila	5:00 PM
St. James the Great, Ayala Alabang	6:20 AM and 6:30 PM
St. Jerome Emiliani, Alabang	12:15 PM and 6:00 PM
San Isidro Labrador Church, Biñan, Laguna	5:00 AM
San Antonio Church, Biñan, Laguna	6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Roxas City	6:30 AM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Roxas City	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Lourdes, United San Pedro Subd., San Pedro, Laguna	6:00 AM

Azucena Ancheta Aquino Rilloraza

of San Fernando City, La Union

Peaçefully joined our Lord
on February 21, 2005 at the age of 85.

Her husband **Former Mayor City Godofredo Rilloruza** (†); loving children **Jacquelin** and **Reynaldo Dyquiangco**, **Dina** and **Rey Nodora**, **Susan** and **Fred Guzman**, **Carina** and **Ferdinand Villa**, **Ruby** and **Romeo Lopico** and **Dr. Godofredo Rilloraza Jr.**; grandchildren **Marc**, **Jeffrey**, **Melvin** and **Reynaldo Dyquiangco Jr.**, **Sheila** and **Melanie Guzman**, **Andrew** and **Justine Nodora**, **Beverly** and **Sue Ellen Lopico** and great grandchildren and **Marla** and **Renzo Dyquiangco**; brothers **Napoleon Aquino** and **Pericles Aquino** (†), sisters **Leonor A. Peralta**, **Dr. Belinda A. Aquino** and **Imelda Aquino** (†) and several cousins and nephews, nieces and sisters in law, and other relatives request to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Rilloraza residence.

Interment will be at the San Fernando City Cemetery on February 28, 2005.

In Loving Remembrance
on the 11th Death Anniversary

JOVENCIO VALEÑA, M.D.

Mass will be offered at the following churches:

1. NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL ROSARIO PARISH – Lopez, Quezon
2. SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA CATHEDRAL – Gumaca, Quezon
3. LADY OF MT. CARMEL – Gumaca, Quezon
4. SAN VICENTE PARISH – Gumaca, Quezon
5. SAN ISIDRO PARISH – Hondagua, Quezon
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DR. DOMINGO G. AMPIL

March 23, 1914 – February 16, 2005

The family of the late **Dr. Domingo G. Ampil** would like to extend its sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all relatives and friends who sent condolences, flowers, prayers, support and love.

Dr. Domingo G. Ampil was the founding Head of the Department of Human Structural Biology (formerly Anatomy) of the Far Eastern University-Nicanor Reyes Memorial Foundation, Institute of Medicine. He was also the founding Head of the Department of Anatomy of the Fatima College of Medicine. In 1981, the Philippine Society of Anatomists was formed where he was the first President. Dr. Ampil obtained his medical degree from the University of the Philippines-College of Medicine in 1938. He was the recipient of fellowships from the United States, one of which was from the Kellogg Foundation via Columbia University-College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, 1946-1948. He was the first Filipino to become member of the American Association of Anatomists.

Dr. Domingo G. Ampil is survived by his wife **Hilaria**; children **Paulo**, **Carmencita**, **Pedro**, **Alberto** and **Teodora**, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

CLASSIFIEDS

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID # 05-07

The **PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION Bids & Awards Committee (PITC-BAC)** invites local manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors & traders of pharmaceutical products who can meet the following minimum requirements for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of various locally manufactured or sourced medicines :

- In the Pharmaceutical business for at least three (3) years and still in operation
- With Stockholders' Equity or Capital Account of at least P5 Million as of December 31,2003 or December 31, 2004.
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Estimated budget is FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P500 Million)

Bid documents will be available for issuance during office hours starting March 2, 2005 until March 14, 2005, weekdays only, from the BAC Secretariat c/o Mrs. Helen R. Muncal at the 4th Floor of the NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas St. Salcedo Village, Makati City after payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P5,500.00). However, PITC-accredited pharmaceutical suppliers who have been issued Accreditation Certificates by PITC as of March 2, 2005 shall be provided with the bid documents at a minimal cost of P200.00.

A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled on March 16, 2005 at 10:00AM at the Penthouse of NDC Building. Bidders may submit their query/ies , if any , in writing to the BAC Secretariat through Fax Nos. 892-2021/ 892-2054 not later than three (3) working days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Only bid documents of bidders who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on March 30, 2005 at 9:00 AM, Penthouse, NDC Building.

The particulars relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

PITC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a failure of bidding, waive any defects or informalities therein and/or accept the offer/s most advantageous and beneficial to the government. Further, the PITC assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the prospective bidders for any expenses incurred in the processing of their eligibility to bid and/or in the preparation of the bid.

(SGD) **MARLENE R. LOPEZ**
Chair, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI- Feb 26, 27 & March 5, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 08-53-2004

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project hereunder:

Project	:	Contract of VIP Bar Services for Casino Filipino-Pavilion, Paranaque & Heritage Manpower Requirement : 45
Approved Budget	:	Six Million Five Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven & 40/100 (P 6,549,827.40)
Source of Funds	:	Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from February 22, 2005 to March 18, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Pesos (Php 3,275.00).*** In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference	:	March 8, 2005	(2:00 pm)
Submission of Bids	:	March 21, 2005	(2:00 pm)
Opening of Bids	:	March 21, 2005	(2:00 pm onwards)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (*R.A. 9184, Sec. 41*).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
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- Optimizing Photoshop and Illustrator as Imaging Tools [Level: Beginner]
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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The DILG through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites service contractors to apply for eligibility and to Bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	Provision of Janitorial & Sanitation Services for the Calendar Year 2005 for the Department of the Interior and Local Government located at A. Francisco Gold Condominium II, EDSA corner Mapagmahal Street, Diliman, Quezon City.
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Php 4,924,297.00
Contract Duration	May 1 – December 31, 2005

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project for at least 5 years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding, and have key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under purchase) available for the prosecution of the project. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

Criteria for the eligibility check of the prospective bidders, examination and evaluation of Bids and post-qualification and all matters relevant to this procurement shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 9184 (The Government Procurement Reform Act) and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

The complete schedule of activities is listed as follows:

Issuance of Bid Documents	–	February 28 - March 11, 2005
Pre-Bid Conference	–	March 15, 2005
Submission / Opening / Evaluation of Bids	–	March 30, 2005
Post qualification	-	April 6, 2005
Notice of Award	-	April 26, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of ***Two Thousand Five Hundred, Php 2,500.00*** to the DILG Cashier.

The complete set of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Docs, may be obtained at the (Bids and Awards Committee - Secretariat) c/o Ms. Dita Gotis, BAC Secretariat Head (Tel. No. 925-03-78). Eligibility Documents, technical and financial proposals shall be placed in separate and marked sealed envelope addressed to USEC Melchor P. Rosales, Bids and Awards Committee Chairman, c/o the BAC-Secretariat and dropped in the bid box located at ***OSEC Conference Room, 10th Floor A. Francisco Gold Condo, II EDSA corner Mapagmahal St., Diliman, Quezon City.*** Deadline of submission and receipt of Technical and Financial requirements shall be on ***March 30, 2005, Wednesday at the OSEC Conference Room, 10th Floor AFGC II, EDSA corner Mapagmahal Street, Diliman, Quezon City.***

The DILG reserves the right to reject any or all bids or offers which it may consider to be disadvantageous and not beneficial to DILG or to waive any defect or informality therein. Further, the DILG assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) **MELCHOR P. ROSALES**
USEC for Administration

(PDI – February 27 & Mar. 6, 2005)

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ISSUANCE OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	:	FEB. 21, 2005
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PRE-BID CONFERENCE	:	MAR. 11, 2005
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Sultan Kudarat to turn into Boer goat central

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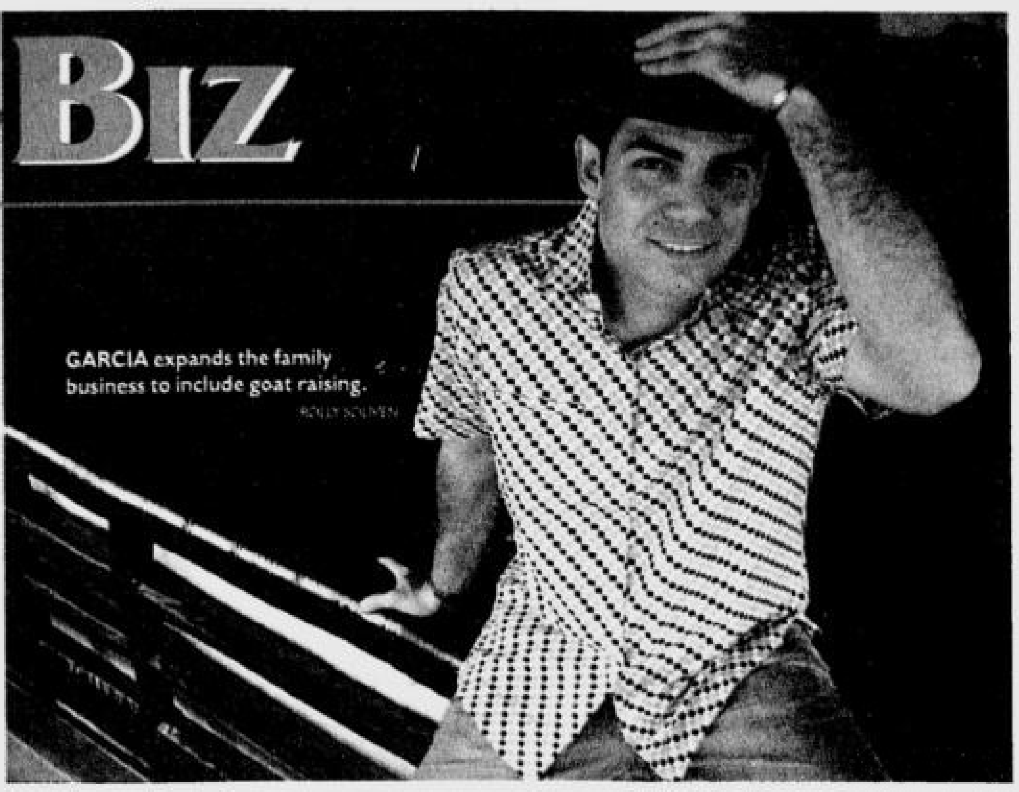
GARCIA expands the family business to include goat raising.
ROLLY SOLMEN

VINCE Garcia, 30, has a dream: Make Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat, the hub of South African Boer goat production.

Garcia could have stayed with raising cattle—the cornerstone of the family business in this province in southern Mindanao—but the entrepreneur in him saw better opportunities in raising goats.

Garcia reveals that goats, for instance, can be bred and sold faster than cattle.

"For every cow sold, you can produce five goats in five month's time. These goats can give birth to, at the least, twins and triplets," Garcia says.

"In 11 months, you can sell your first set of kids. You can recoup your investment in less than a year. The idea is to start with one Boer head and start breeding," he adds.

The Boer goats that were

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ROBOTICS - the wave of the future for AMA students

One of the hallmarks of a high value educational institution is its ability and zeal to offer trailblazing courses. Recently, AMA Education System (AMAES) pioneered offering academic programs in robotics and mechatronics in the country realizing that such are becoming highly in demand in the industrial, manufacturing, operations management, and even in the medical and allied fields.

Curriculum integration

AMAES uses the curriculum integration approach in ushering students to the exciting and challenging world of "mechatronics" which involves the design of computer-controlled electro-mechanical systems and includes robotics, automation systems, neural prosthetics, microelectro-mechanical systems (MEMS), and many other leading-edge technologies.

This competitive advantage motivates students to work on robotics-related theses, which many industries here and abroad prefer. A computer science student for example is encouraged to develop a software that would allow robots to perform specific programs or activities.

Without having to enroll in a separate program, students gain knowledge, skills and competencies in robotics or mechatronics engineering. Specifically, this means that subjects with laboratory time are used to give students exposure to robotics and mechatronics.

By the time students reach the higher academic levels, they may choose to major in mechatronics engineering or pursue other fields of specialization like manufacturing engineering.

Some of the mechatronics technologies which students can gain while pursuing their IT-based courses at AMAES include the mobile robotics system, artificial intelligence (AI) and gaming robots during their freshman year. At their second year level they are exposed to program logic-controllers, pneumatic technology and hydraulic technology. During their third academic year, students have electro-pneumatics and electro-hydraulics technology, vision system and robotics arm system.

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"A very important aspect of the academic training in AMA is the development of the student's creative, critical thinking and research capabilities under an IT environment," shared Harvard-trained Dr. Patrick Azanza who serves as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the AMA Computer University.

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Just recently, a group of AMA faculty members won the best paper in the 2004 World Robot Congress of the Federation of International Robot-Soccer Association (FIRA) held in Korea. The research was entitled "Image processing-Controlled Robotic Arm". The team was composed of AMA Profs. Norman Alano, Bernard Bisuecos, Joseph Pangan, and Katsuhiro Narikiyo

Reaping the benefits of hi-tech education

Ultimately, the AMA students are the main beneficiaries of such initiatives of the country's pioneer and largest IT university. Having been exposed to such cutting-edge technology and rigid research-based training during their stay in AMA makes them very competitive in the job market which demands higher and specialized skills and correspondingly commands higher pay to AMA graduates. Not surprisingly, a recent survey of its alumni showed that AMA graduates have been well-placed in international IT and industrial zones such as the Silicon Valley in California, Redmont in Washington, USA, and other Asian technology havens such as Japan, Hongkong, and Singapore. Truly, AMA graduates are going places.

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The flower man is back

Recovering from a stroke, florist Tony Rodriguez says everything's coming up roses, including his health and optimism

By Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Rudy Esperas

"FOR AS long as people welcome my service, I will always be around," declares Tony Rodriguez.

The well-loved florist has just returned to Manila after almost six months of recuperating in his hometown of Bacolod. Rodriguez suffered a massive stroke in August—his first—and was confined in a hospital for a whole month, the first week of which was in intensive care. This led people to speculate about his retirement. There were also whispers of an even more serious illness.

"*Sabi nila, 'Gumimik ka na naman. Nagpabanat ka ng mukha, ano?'* " he relates with a laugh. "*Nawala lang ako dito* physically. We continued operations even while I was in the hospital. And I never received any complaints."

But even as he tries to make light of his condition, 2004 was decidedly a trying time for the 55-year-old florist. In March last year, his warehouse was burned to the ground. He lost all his trade equipment, books and references, photo albums documenting his works over the years.

Anyone of a weaker resolve would have thrown in the towel. Not this man. "I didn't feel bad," he says in retrospect. "Last year was my awakening. It awakened me to the fact

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The flower man is back

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that first comes family."

Love from family

Upon his release from the hospital, his siblings took him home to Bacolod. For many years, long before he became a full-time florist in 1998, Rodriguez had been living alone in Manila. "*Hindi naman malungkot* because I was always busy," he explains. "But when I went to Bacolod, that's where I felt the love of my family. That's when I realized how much I missed our closeness."

Rodriguez is the fourth in a family of six children. He has three sisters and two brothers, all based in the province. "*Doon napahinga ako talaga,*" he says. "They really took care of me."

Still wheelchair-bound, the mild-mannered Rodriguez contends he has yet to undergo physical therapy to fully recover. Aided by a cane and with some struggle, he can stand on his own again, albeit only briefly. He still has difficulty moving his left arm, but is otherwise jovial and well.

"I've just come from my doctor and my blood-sugar level is okay. So is my blood pressure," he says with a sigh. It's his optimism and drive to continue "making my clients happy" that keeps him from being weighed down by his illnesses.

His ordeal, Rodriguez says, made him realize his previous follies. He used to chain-smoke, consuming up to six packs a day. He liked to eat—a lot—especially at night. He never exercised. "*Ang pinaka*-exercise *ko* was *magpuyat mag-e*-execute *ng trabaho,*" he recalls. He slept very late, if at all.

Decembers were especially taxing, the florist recalls. There would be events and weddings from the 1st to the 31st. "*Kaya pag Noche Buena, sama-sama kami ng* staff *ko. Pero* enjoy."

While he put heart and soul into his work, however, his health suffered. Reputed in the industry for his discipline and keen attention, he now regrets not applying the same to his health.

"I only realized how serious my condition was when my doctor in the E.R. called for a priest," he remembers. "I didn't feel anything, *eh*. There was no pain whatsoever." He has since chucked cigarettes entirely. "I crave [food] *pero sinasabi ko sa sarili ko, ikaw rin.*"

THE BEST reward of his job for him is knowing that his clients are happy. When they come back, "then that's the best advertisement."

Smooth operation

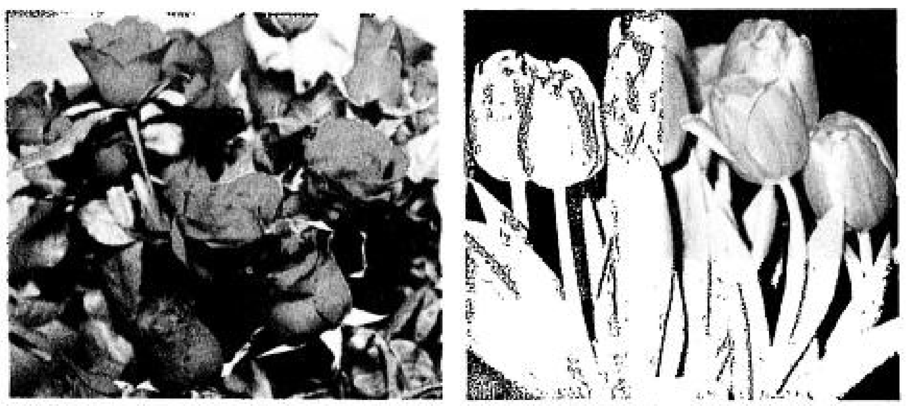
Though it may have seemed like it, business didn't go on a standstill for Rodriguez. He praises his staff for keeping the ship afloat and running smoothly the past six months. "They continued operations. *Dun ko nalaman na kaya pala nila.* I was just giving directions by phone, all the while that I was in the hospital... *Wala namang nagsabing pumangit ang gawa ko.*"

Even in his sick bed, he kept begging his doctors to allow him to personally oversee preparations for his events, but to no avail. "I missed my work!" he says emphatically.

Upon his discharge, he insisted on going to the wedding reception of one client. The client burst to tears when she saw Rodriguez in his wheelchair.

Rodriguez continued working even as he was supposed to be resting in the province. He communicated with his staff through fax, sending sketches of floral designs back and forth. He executed the Makati Shangri-La Christmas décor by phone.

"WHEN I got sick my doctors asked why I had no flowers in my room. *Sabi ko, Ang bulaklak nasa puso ko.*"


FUCHSIA and other shades of pink are popular choices for blooms these days, says Rodriguez. For weddings, he's still quite partial to roses.

As soon as he returned to Manila, Rodriguez was again back in the thick of things, one time staying up till dawn to supervise arrangements for a wedding. "I didn't tell my sisters... Before I came back my sisters cried. They didn't want me to go back here. *Pero nakiusap ako. Pag hindi ako nakabalik parang kulang ang buhay ko.*"

While away, he also kept himself busy with the Bacolod flower shop run by his older twin sisters.

At this point, though, Rodriguez says he's accepted that his Manila enterprise may have to end with his retirement, whenever that time comes. The niece he was previously grooming to take over his business has chosen to concentrate on furniture design.

"*Natutuwa ako na mayroong bagong sibol,*" he says of newcomers in the business. "*Naniniwala akong hindi ito pang-habang-buhay. Nandyan ka lang* for sometime; *pag may dumating, pagbigyan mo sila. Kung magaling ka at may tiwala sa iyo ang tao babalik pa rin sila sa iyo. Ang daming* events; *hindi ko naman kaya lahat yan. Ang importante dito kredibilidad. Hindi puro pera ang pinag-uusapan.*"

Rodriguez is kept busy by several corporate accounts, including Makati Shangri-La where his flower shop (tel. 8142569, 0917-4800700) in the lobby is set to reopen in March after its renovation.

Stellar and otherwise

Of course, there are the numerous high-profile weddings. But lest his stellar portfolio intimidate potential clients, Rodriguez stresses his rates are quite reasonable "because I don't give quotations. I work with what the client is willing to spend."

He clarifies that his services are not exclusive to Makati Shangri-La events. "I can do weddings anywhere." His team, in fact, decorated the stage at the recent bridal fair sponsored by the INQUIRER. He even showed up to watch the fashion show in his wheelchair.

As he spends more time at home these days, he has had ample time to do research and learn about trends in the floral industry. Though giving up his work is out of the question, "*Hindi na ako basta tumatanggap ng trabaho. Pag mayroon na ako sa araw na yun,* I look at the volume of work and I ask my staff if they'll be able to handle it. *Pag sabi nila oo, tatanggapin ko.*"

Rodriguez says he has come to fully understand the importance of personal discipline, of looking after his health.

"*Sobra-sobrang biyaya na ang ibinigay sa akin ng Diyos.* This is my second life. *Kung papayagan pa Niya ako ng* 10-12 years more, *at kung kaya ko pa rin,* I will always be here."

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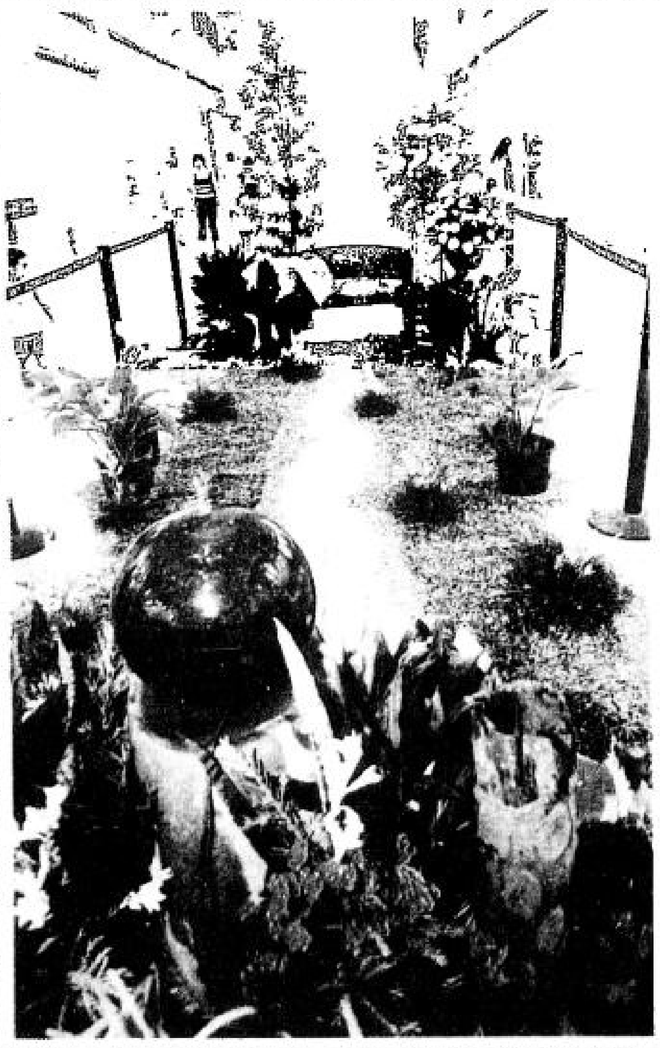
Baguio's Panagbenga flower festival comes to Manila market



MARKET! Market! brings to Metro Manila Baguio's famous Panagbenga Flower Festival.

On Feb. 28 to March 6, Market! Market! showcases "Flower Expressions," in which pockets of flower gardens will be installed around the mall. Participants include the mall's merchants, assisted by the Interior Design students of Assumption College.

Starting tomorrow, Feb. 28, there will be the exhibit, "Let A Hundred Flowers Bloom," consisting of flower-inspired works captured in film, paintings and photos by 50 artists. The show is organized by Manila Artden's Jo Madarang.

There will be hands-on painting sessions and lectures: plant art, terrarium making and tray landscaping by Serapion Metilla of the Philippine Horticulture Society (Feb. 28, 1 p.m.); orchids for wedding entourage by Willie Ortaliz of the Philippine Orchid Society (March 1, 1 p.m.); and the Flower Club Philippines (March 2, 1 p.m.)

There will also be an exhibit of the best floral landscapes and the special celebration of the Baguio Country Club's 100th year.

Highlight of the festival is "Panagbenga Live!"—a street-dancing competition, on March 3 to 5.

Guests include Tourism Secretary Ace Durano, Undersecretary Cynthia Carreon, and Taguig City Mayor Freddie Tinga.

Market! Market! at the Bonifacio Global City is open on Monday to Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Friday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RACHY Cuna, Fr. Gabriel Casal and Msgr. Nestor Cerbo

Lecture on floral offerings for liturgy

THE MANILA Archdiocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church (MACC) will hold a half-day seminar on "Floral Offerings for the Liturgy: Holy Thursday Altar of Repose," 1 p.m., March 7, at the Manila Cathedral.

Rachy Cuna, a MACC Commissioner and the Philippine master of festive interior spaces, will be the lecturer. He will demonstrate different ways to decorate altars using simple and inexpensive materials in the innovative Cuna style.

Fr. Gabriel Casal, chair of MACC and director of the Archdiocesan Archives, says the seminar, a timely activity for the Lenten season, will give examples of the Altar of Repose.

The first of its kind, the seminar is held with the cooperation of Msgr. Nestor Cerbo, rector of the Manila Cathedral and director of the Archdiocesan Office for Research and Development.

The Manila Cathedral, established in 1581, is one of the cultural heritage churches of the Archdiocese of Manila. Boasting of an impressive architecture, it has several side altars that are the church's witnesses to its rich history.

The seminar is a Lakbay Aral MACC Ugnayan project. It aims primarily to promote church cultural heritage awareness among parish workers. Decorators and flower enthusiasts are also welcome. Registration fee is P300.

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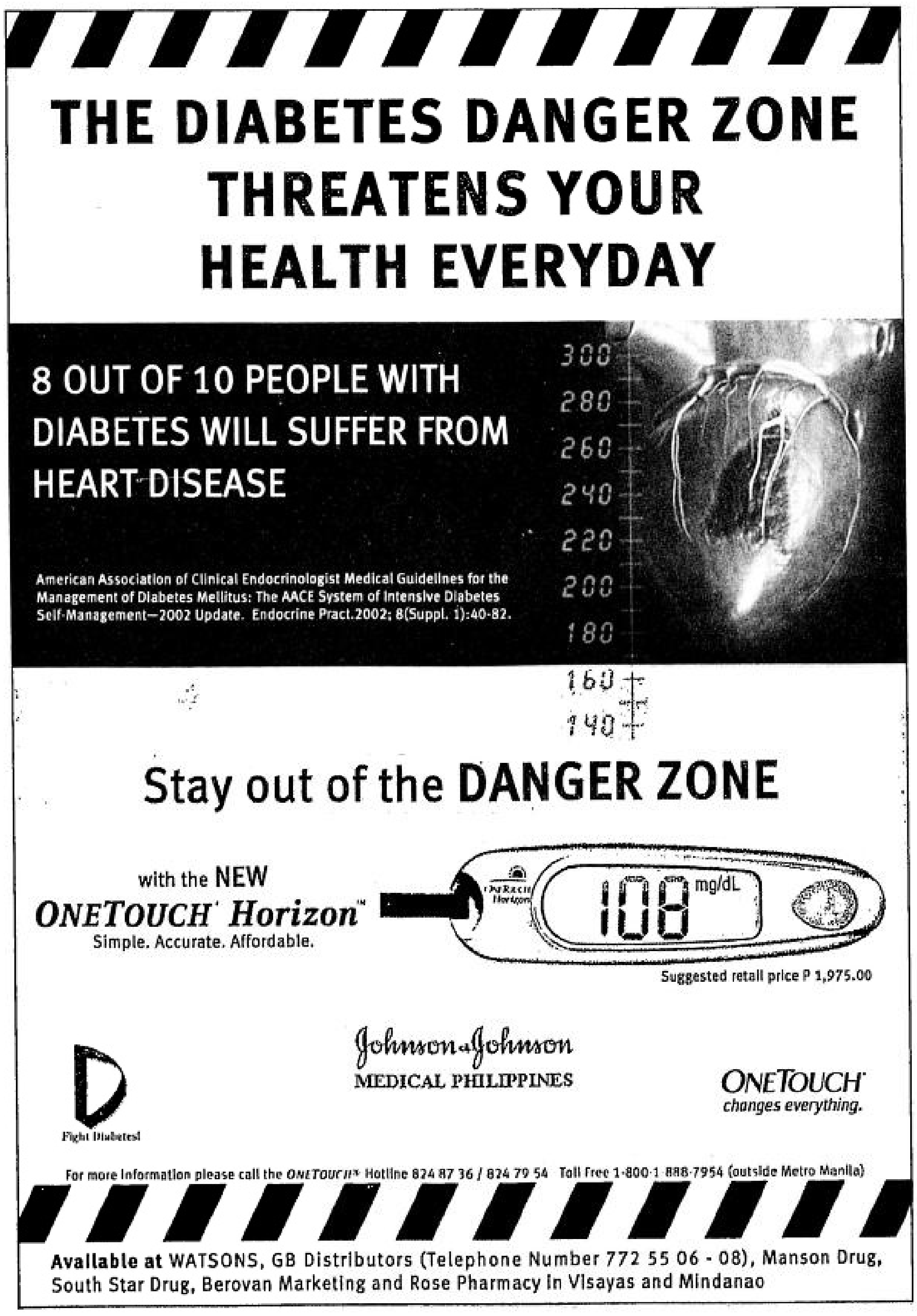
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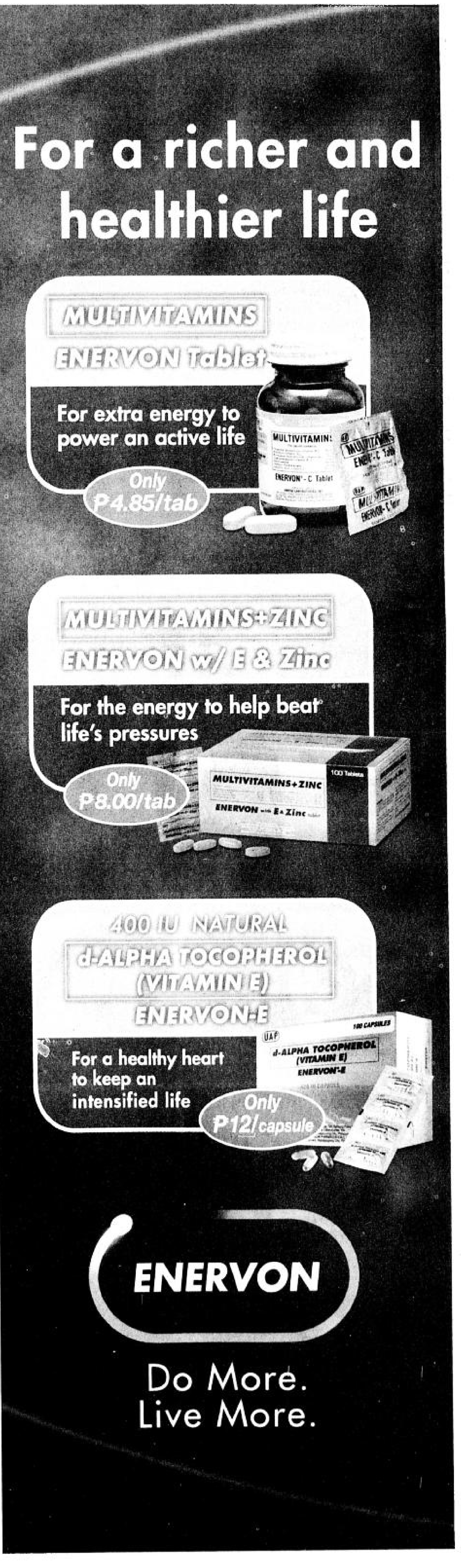
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Globe joins DOT in promoting Cebu tourism

With its many historic and scenic spots, Cebu has always been a popular destination among tourists visiting the Philippines. Globe Telecom, in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT), is working to make the Philippines' Queen City of the South even more accessible and welcoming to foreign tourists.

Globe and DOT's Meet and Assist program trains interpreters who are fluent in Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and English to greet tourists upon their arrival and address their inquiries and concerns. The program was first launched at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport terminal 1 (NAIA-1) in December last year. Since then, it has provided assistance to more than 2,000 foreign tourists. Last February 21, DOT Secretary Joseph "Ace" Durano inaugurated the program at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA), marking another milestone in the longstanding partnership between Globe and the DOT. Plans are also under way to expand the project to other airports and ports of entry.

Explaining that the project will definitely boost the frontline services of the tourism industry, Durano greeted Globe with a hearty *"daghang salamat"* (Cebuano for "thank you") for being a valued partner in advancing Philippine tourism. "Meet and Assist helps promote the Filipino's reputation as the friendliest in Asia. Globe Telecom is a very important and supportive partner in promoting the tourism industry," says the Secretary. Globe International Services Head Nikko Acosta responded by pledging Globe's continuing support for the DOT's tourism initiatives: "Globe is proud to be working hand in hand with the DOT in promoting our country's tourism industry. We look forward to expanding and enhancing the Meet and Assist program, and to working on similar projects that heighten tourism and strengthen the Philippine economy." Sec. Durano and Mr. Acosta were joined at the Meet and Assist press launch by Dir. Eduardo Jarque, Jr. of the DOT Office of Tourism Information, Mactan Airport GM Lt. Gen. (ret.) Adelberto Yap, DOT Director for Central Visayas Patricia Roa, DOT Asec. Phineas Alburo, and MCIA Head of Immigration Services Jun Madarang.

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> **Joseph "Ace" Durano**

The Meet and Assist program is in line with the DOT's current marketing thrust, which focuses on visitors from East Asia, who comprised nearly half of the 2.3 million tourist arrivals from January to October 2004. The program trains Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and English interpreters to greet and assist tourists who speak these languages upon their arrival at the airport. Globe screens and hires the interpreters, produces brochures and other informational materials that will be provided to tourists, and supports the DOT's marketing and communication efforts to promote the project.

Interpreters are selected on the basis of their proficiency in their respective second languages and their overall knowledge of the tourism industry. They then undergo the DOT's Mabuhay Hosting Program, which trains them to handle queries from foreign visitors and orients them on applicable protocols. Dressed in the national costumes of the countries they represent, the interpreters are stationed in two booths located at the MCIA's domestic and international arrival areas. To ensure that someone would always be present to give a warm welcome to arriving tourists, they work round-the-clock in three rotating shifts.

During the press conference, Durano stressed that first impressions of our country are made at the airport, especially for those who are visiting the Philippines for the first time. Meet and Assist thus fulfills a very important need by giving tourists the vital information that they need for an enjoyable stay. Ms. Shaldy Fajardo, coordinator for the Meet & Assist airport staff in Cebu, says that the project has received a lot of positive feedback from foreign travelers: "Most of them are very pleased to receive such friendly assistance. Some seasoned travelers have told us that in all the places they've been to, this is the first time that they've received such excellent service."

Questions commonly encountered by the staff include requests for copies of the Philippine map (which are readily available at the booths), assistance in claiming luggage and filling up immigration forms, and information on currency exchange. Inquiries regarding telecommunication services, such as where to obtain roaming assistance or buy prepaid and SIM cards, are also frequently received. Durano thus emphasizes the important role played by Globe's mobile communication services in promoting Philippine tourism, saying, "Communication is a major part of tourism. It's part of creating a hospitable and welcoming environment. We are thus looking forward to continuously working with Globe on this project, which we plan to implement in all Philippine ports of entry."

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Sec. Ace Durano gives instructions and shares a few light moments with the Meet and Assist staff.

DOT Secretary Joseph Ace Durano: "Meet and Assist will boost the tourism industry's frontline services."

DOT Sec. Durano and Globe International Services Head Nikko Acosta (sixth and seventh from left), MCIA GM Adelberto Yap (extreme left), and Office of Tourism Information Dir. Eduardo Jarque, Jr. (extreme right) with Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean interpreters

Korean, Chinese, and Japanese interpreters are always on duty to assist foreign visitors.

The multilingual Meet and Assist staff welcome tourists at the domestic arrivals area.

Globe International Services Head Nikko Acosta (left) and Sec. Durano discuss future prospects for Globe's fruitful partnership with the DOT.

Globe's Head of International Services Nikko Acosta (second from left) discusses Globe's role in the project at the press launch. Other members of the panel are (from left): DOT Office of Tourism Information Dir. Eduardo Jarque, Jr., MCIA GM Adelberto Yap, DOT Director for Central Visayas Patricia Roa, DOT Sec. Ace Durano, and DOT Asst. Sec. Phineas Alburo.

Tourists arriving from Narita, Japan flock to the Meet and Assist booth.

A Japanese interpreter assists a newly-arrived tourist.

Japanese tourists receive a warm welcome upon arrival in Cebu.

The Meet and Assist interpreters receive a thorough briefing from Cynthia Mangahas of Globe Corporate Marketing (extreme right) and Globe International Services' Heidi Dyangko (third from right).

At the booth in the international arrivals area: English, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese interpreters with DOT Central Visayas Dir. Patricia Aurora Roa (second from left), DOT Sec. Ace Durano (fourth from left), MCIA GM Adelberto Yap, Globe International Services Head Nikko Acosta, and Office of Tourism Information Dir. Eduardo Jarque, Jr. (fourth, third, and second from right).

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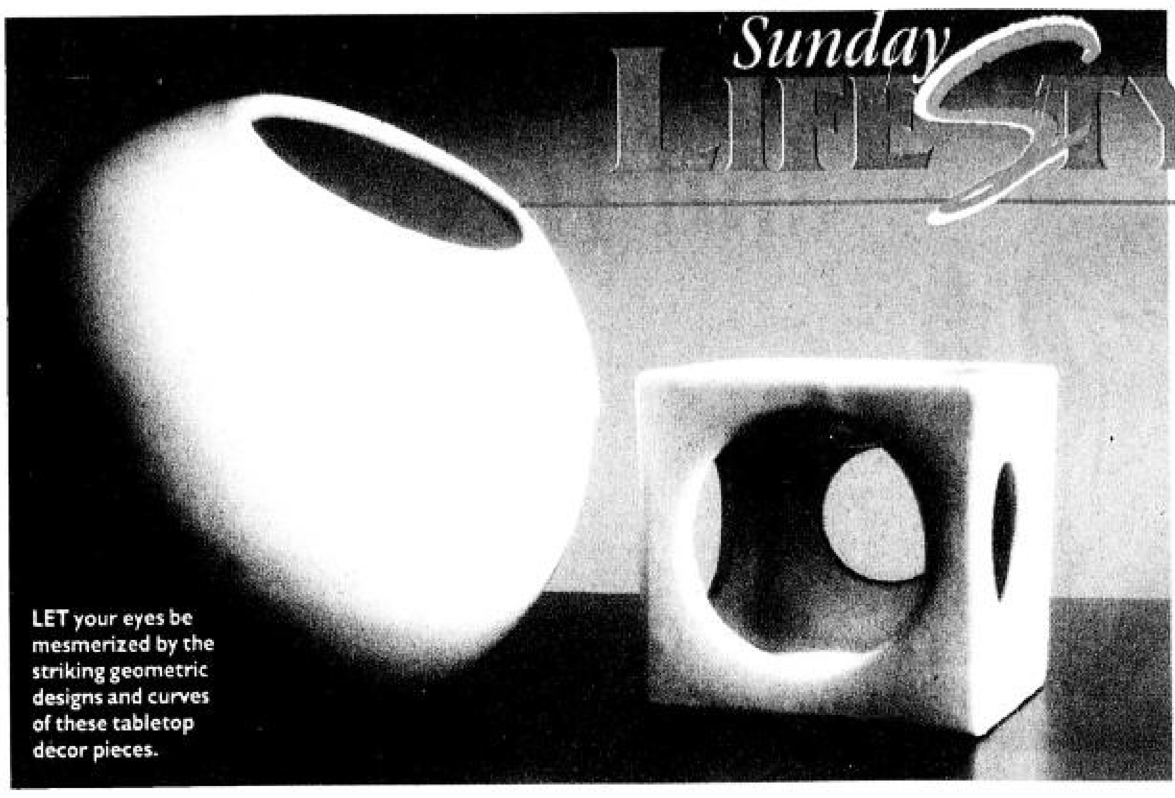

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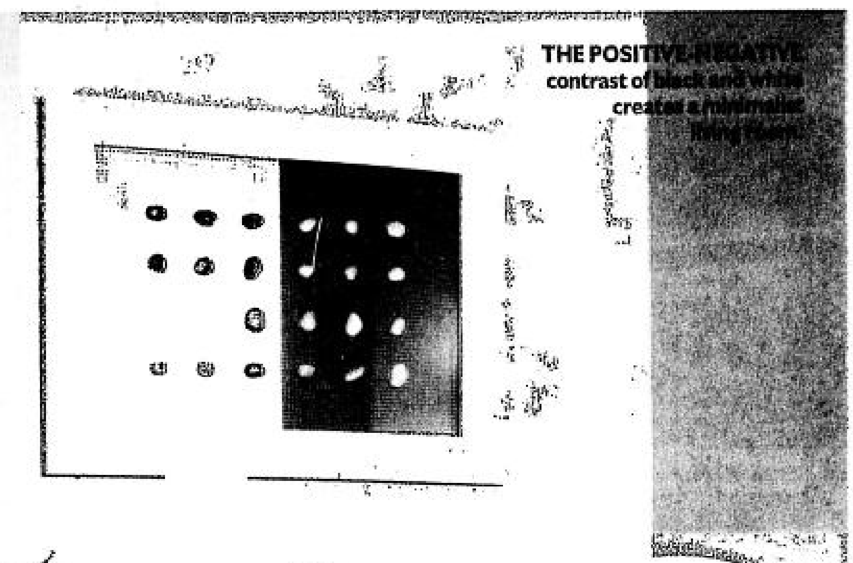

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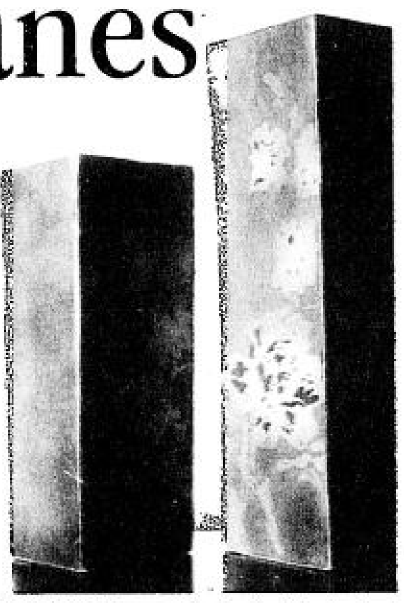

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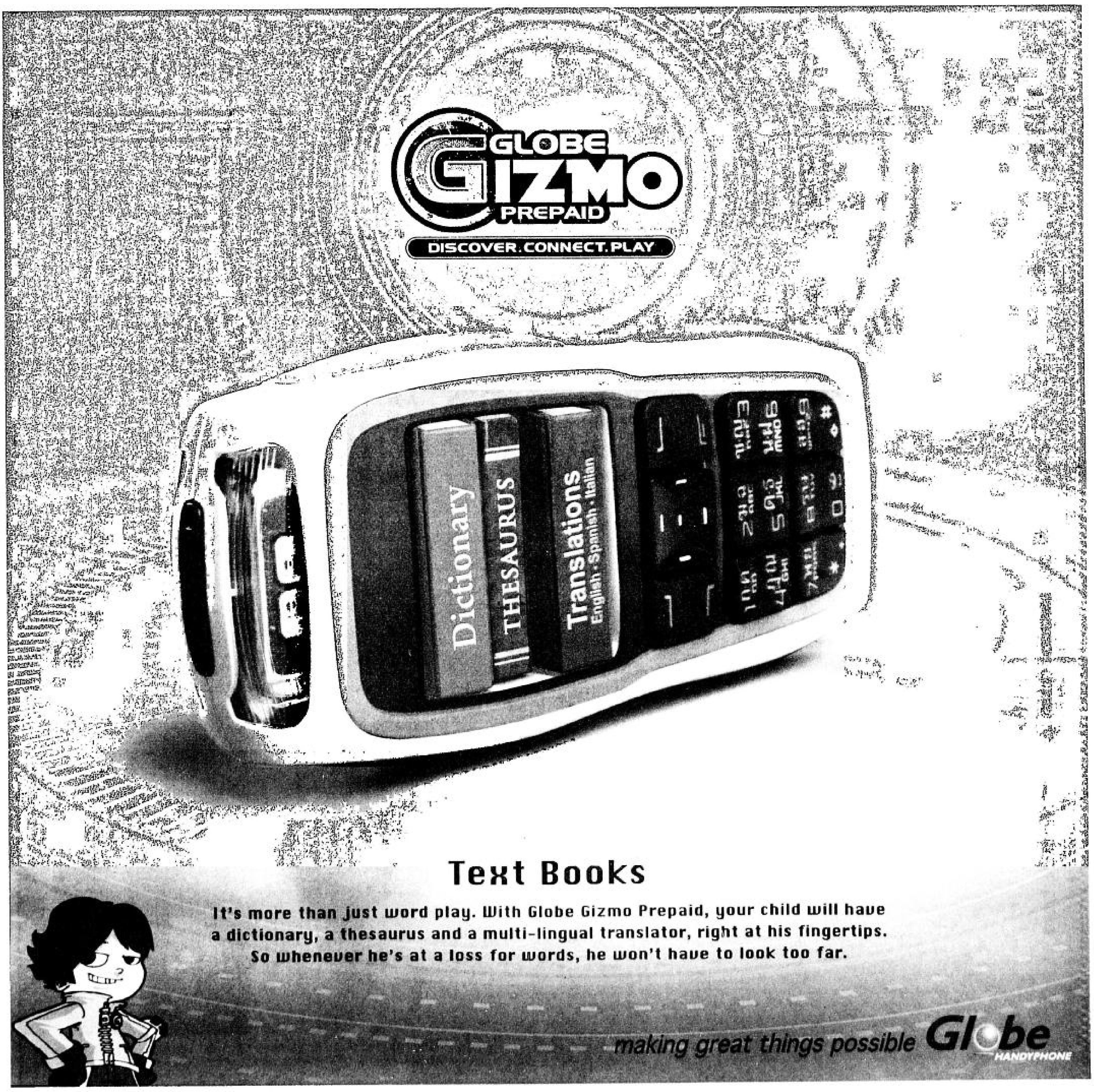

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Pinoy furniture show expected to gather global buyers

THE PHILIPPINE International Furniture Show (PIFS) 2005 will present to the world market new concepts in design and application of indigenous materials that will give new meaning to Filipino ingenuity, creativity and craftsmanship.

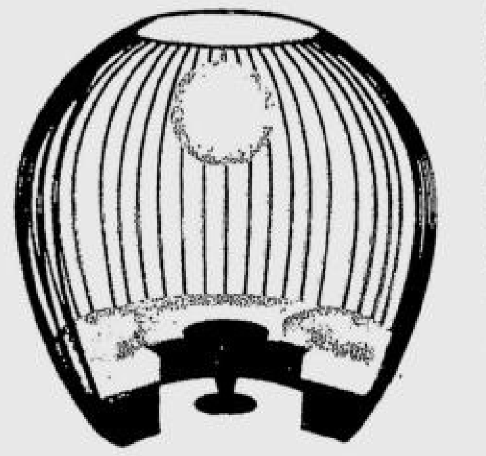
"Disenyo Manila" will be unveiled at the World Trade Center and Philippine Trade Training Center tomorrow, and will run until March 3.

The fair will feature furniture designs and home accessories ranging from traditional to classic and neoclassic, and reproduction to contemporary modern. They come in both traditional and nontraditional materials.

Manufacturers will show contemporary pieces, combining traditional materials like wood, wicker, rattan, bamboo, and wrought iron with nontraditional materials like plastic, fossilized stones, wood carcasses, leather and even sea grass, baring, coconut byproducts, and bark of trees that only Filipino craftsmen can cleverly and artfully manipulate.

The designs will vie for the prestigious Likhang Pilipino Awards in four categories—best product design, best product collection, best in visual merchandising, and the Bagong Sibol Award.

Organized by the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines, PIFS 2005 is expected to be graced by trade buyers from the United States, Europe, Middle East, Australia, and Asia.



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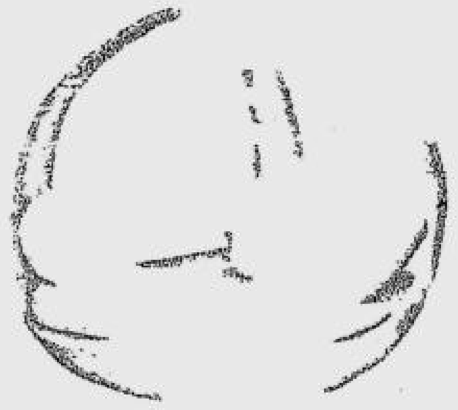

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Put clean towels on another shelf and keep magazines in an open basket.

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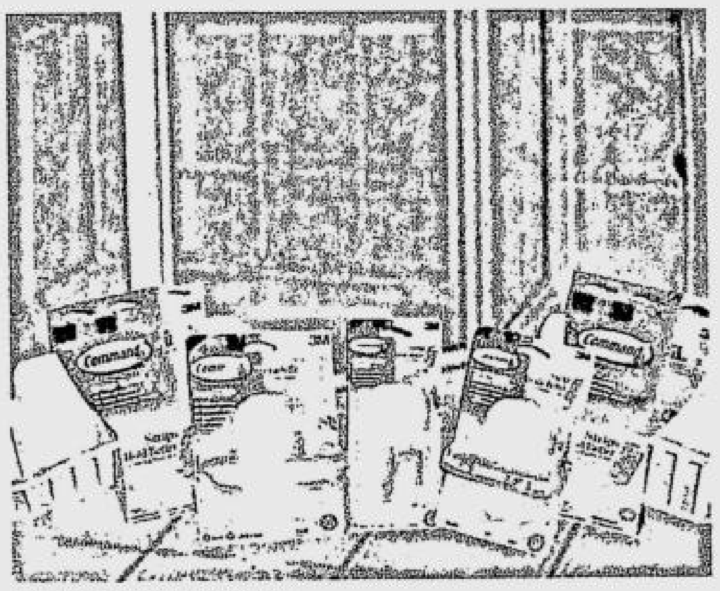

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Philippines joins Eucharistic Congress in Mexico

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

TEN Filipino bishops led by Archbishop Carmelo Morelos, chair of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Committee on Eucharistic Congress, and 50 lay people attended the 48th International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. Theme of the Congress was "The Eucharist: Light and Life of the New Millennium."

Ricardo Cardinal Vidal spoke on the doctrine of the Eucharist, while Tuguegarao Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan delivered a talk in Spanish on the Filipinos' experiences with the Eucharist and their devotion to the Mother of God.

Archbishop Talamayan said, "Catholic doctrine teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of all blessings, for containing Christ himself. The Church further teaches that the best helper for a truly Eucharistic and, therefore, Christian life is the Blessed Virgin Mary. In order to fight all evils, sins and vices that harm humanity, the Catholic Church has declared this year to be Eucharistic and Marian."

After the Congress, the Philippine delegation visited the basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, secondary patroness of the Philippines. Spain evangelized the Philippines through Mexico. Manila was a suffragan of the Diocese of Pueblo, Mexico up to 1595.

Archbishop Talamayan echoed the message of the Congress when he spoke on the radio to people in San Salvador, El Salvador, Centro America, on Mission Sunday, Oct. 24, on the invitation of Archbishop Fernando Saenz de Calle, archbishop of San Salvador. "The Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist," Talamayan said.

The archbishop also appeared twice on EWTN, a global television network, and talked about Our Lady of Piat, patroness of Tuguegarao. He was accompanied by Jeanne Young, Elvira Yap Go and Petrona Bucad Lim.

Church of the poor

With Fr. Prex Fajardo as rector and parish priest of the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart on Dao St., Makati, the church's programs for the poor will surely continue. Confession will also be heard daily.

Estela Peña Denoga, a volunteer in the education ministry, said people living along the railroad tracks within the boundaries of Barangays San Antonio and Sta. Cruz attended Mass in the shrine and got free medical and dental treatment plus free medicines. Their children, who received free schooling in Makati, were given money to buy school supplies. These children were taught catechism and served as lectors and commentators during the 4 p.m. children's Mass on Sunday.

Programs for the poor include free legal assistance, free heart clinic and free weddings.

The national shrine has also helped some 50 poor dioceses and parishes in terms of catechetical work, seminarian support and youth programs. About P1.3 million in donations had been received since 2002.

The coffeetable book on the shrine, by the way, is a "must" read. Published by former Bishop Tom Yalung in 2001 when he was rector, the book has full color photos of the shrine and a history of the journey of faith of the community that dreamt of their own church in the vast space that is now San Antonio Village. Call 8956331.

Housewife needs help

Chris Sicam passed on to me an appeal for help posted on the bulletin board of the Monasterio de Sta. Clara in Quezon City. It was from Aileen Torres, 29, a medical technologist with end-stage renal disease who has to undergo dialysis twice a week.

Aileen says she and her husband are ordinary employees and cannot afford the cost of dialysis. Her parents are old and unable to help. Her doctor has suggested a kidney transplant and her sister offered to donate a kidney but they cannot afford the cost of the operation and medication, which is about P500,000.

Aileen can be reached at 6 Basalt St., Twin River Subd. Parang, Marikina City, tel. no. 4750759, or visited during her dialysis session, 12:30-3 pm., Monday and Thursday, Philippine Kidney Dialysis Foundation, 79 Sct. Gandia St., Brgy. Laging Handa, Quezon City, tel. no. 3735351.

Free consultation

Dr. Teresa Bitanga Valeros, a natural health practitioner and doctor of nutrimedicine, holds free consultations, 12 noon-3 p.m., Thursday, at Klinika Aesthetica, 3766 Sun Valley Drive, Parañaque. Call 8217672 or 8071982.

Pilgrimage

Fr. Nolan Que will lead a pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico March 23-31 organized by Adam's Travel. The itinerary includes the Metropolitan Cathedral; the Carmelite Monastery in San Angel; Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas; the town of Cholula with its 35 churches including the church of Our Lady of Remedies. Call 5211651 or text 0915-5514468.

Goodbye

Leopoldo "Pol" Capistrano passed away after a heart attack in the evening of Feb. 14 on Retiro Street. His family was alerted by a total stranger who said three men rushed Pol to the hospital.

Before his heart attack, Pol was preparing for the Holy Week at the Resurrection of Our Lord Parish where he was the worship committee chair and a lay minister.

Fr. Omer Prieto called Pol a man of God and a man of the church for his faithful work as a lay minister in his parish.

As for the strangers who helped him, they were not seen again. His family and friends believed they were angels. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Goodbye, Pol. Please pray for us.

UST holds Catholic press seminars

The UST Journalism Society, the organization of AB Journalism students from the Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Santo Tomas, will hold the 4th UST Catholic Journalism Seminar on March 4 at the Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City, and on March 5 at the Good Shepherd Cathedral of the Diocese of Novaliches.

The seminar will have talks on topics to write about in the Catholic media, feature writing, news writing and parish newsletter management. There will also be a workshop on issues affecting the Catholic media.

The seminar is open to students, parish workers, and anyone interested in Catholic journalism in the Philippines.

To speak in the seminar are Lito B. Zulueta of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Nestor Cuartero of Tempo, Bernardette Sto. Domingo of Business World, and Jeremiah Opiniano of the Consortium on Migration Journalism. Parish publication editors will also speak.

The seminars mark the first time that UST is holding the annual seminar in nerve-centers of the Catholic faith in Metro Manila. Junior Journalism classes are organizing the seminars. The Varsitarian, the official student organ of UST, helps fund the seminars.

Novaliches Bishop Antonio Tobias will close the Novaliches seminar with a Mass.

Registration fee is P175.

For the Santo Domingo seminar, call Immanuel Jay Avelino (0915-5222195, 0926-8702281, 0922-5011532) or Kriztel Marie Lorbes (0918-2990629). For the Novaliches seminar, call Jose Raoul Claveria (0916-2380756) or Kristine de Silva (0917-8242105). Log on to http://www.catholicjournalism05.tk.

ARCHBISHOP Diosdado Tala (second from left) with Cardinal Vidal and Filipino delegates to the 48th International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico

Valentine lovefest, Puerto Princesa-style

Part 1

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

PUERTO Princesa, capital of Palawan, is a city with a population of 210,000. It doesn't have factories, no smog, no squatters, only one mall but many small businesses and retail stores, and no piled-up trash or litter anywhere.

To the Filipino living in other "modern" cities, Puerto Princesa is Eden on Earth. Here, people believe in their leaders who have the political will to pursue their ideals for everyone's benefit. The people of Puerto Princesa have long learned to think clean and sustainable, and made it their way of life.

No need for pink urinals here. Instead, there is a trash bin every step of the city's streets to prevent littering. No one cuts down trees here either that is why forests grow in the outskirts of the city center.

A visit to Puerto (as the city is won't to be called) dispels old thoughts that, environmentally, we are a hopeless people.

Guiding light and spearhead of all nature campaigns in the city is Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn. The city might have been dirty when he came into office 12 years ago, but he has changed that and a lot more, not wanting to compromise the environment to accommodate other projects and always seeking the cooperation of city officials and the people in general in all his endeavors.

Eco-city

His goal, he says, is to make his city the "Eco-City Center of the World." From the looks of it, he is well on the way, having won a number of environmental awards, some of them yearly, including the prestigious Global 500 Roll of Honor of the United Nations Environment Program.

Last Valentine's Day, he initiated a citywide event called "Love Affair with Nature," with everyone—young and old, professionals and students—participating in different areas in different ways, all of them with a fiesta atmosphere.

In the mangrove site on the coasts of Honda Bay, a *bakawan* (mangrove tree) planting event took place with some 30,000 participants. They came in groups and individually, holding a *bakawan* seedling in one hand and a bamboo pole in the other for digging.

This year, about 10 ha were covered. Other areas will be covered in subsequent plantings. Participants made a "fashion statement" in *maong* and *tsinelas*. Those with rubber boots like firemen, military personnel and Bantay patrols used theirs to advantage.

Eager, willing volunteers

People came and went in rapid succession. No sooner was one group out, then came another. Though they seemed to be working to a set beat, this was no rehearsed affair. No one was coerced, everyone volunteered. Some students were given credits for participating, like Flor Diano and Ferlin Paredo, high school seniors at the Palawan National School.

Laughter and excited voices rang in the air all morning (people were already there since 5 a.m.). By the time Hagedorn came to do his own planting, the sun was high, silhouetting him against the seedlings and the sea.

Right after Honda Bay, he was off to Barangay Irawin where posts were set up along a creek defining the boundary between the forest and the rest of the community. Tree-cutting there would now be considered illegal and punishable.

In many ways, the Valentine activities helped to heighten the people's love for what was their very own. They underlined the many environmental conservation and enhancement efforts of the city government, now enjoying a reputation of being the most eco-friendly in the land.

A short tour of the city can tell a visitor a lot. Many houses are built of bamboo and *sawali* (stripped bamboo), which make them picturesque especially set against clean yards and ever-present trees and plants. There is much unoccupied land in the city because squatting is discouraged. Instead, would-be squatters are given houses of their own where they are expected to live constructive and dignified lives. So it is not surprising to find small forest stands just off the city's center.

One also notes that while Puerto is bustling with commercial activity, there is no factory emitting toxic waste and other pollutants.

The mayor's goal is to complete his infrastructure program that includes better roads, sanitary landfill and hotels, as well as peace and order and education.

Tourism as money-earner

Once these are all in place, he can promote tourism in his city. Initially, he says, it will only be local tourism as the city is not yet ready for a massive tourist influx. Tourism is high on the mayor's agenda. Since he is all for a logging ban, he turns to two main sources of livelihood for the people: tourism and agriculture.

He has set the stage for the first. The second includes fishing as it is one of the more lucrative occupations in the entire province, the products from which have earned a reputation for quality around the country. Farm crops are also important because they provide for the people's daily sustenance. His sanitary landfill and island-hopping projects are more instances of how environmental-minded Puerto Princesa's administration is. More on them soon.

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> The people of Palawan's capital city have made 'clean and sustainable' a way of life

SOME of the young people who planted *bakawan* during Puerto Princesa's "Love Affair with Nature" on Valentine's Day came in slippers and denims, with backpacks and a desire to conserve nature.

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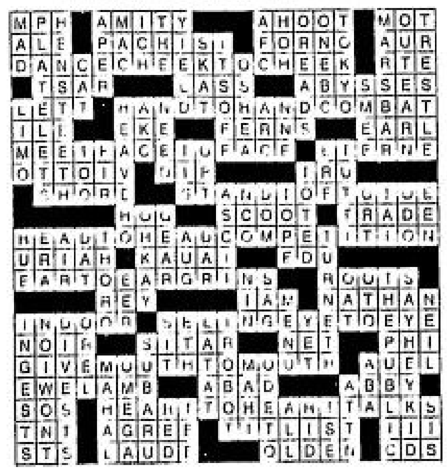

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DR. Wen del Rosario-Raymundo receives her prize from David Leung, HKTB regional director for South and Southeast Asia. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Year of the Rooster brings good luck to doctor

"IF THE CHINESE New Year signifies new life and beginnings…

then Hong Kong, the city of life, is a celebration of rebirth—and there is no better place to be!"

That sentence concluded Dr. Wen del Rosario-Raymundo's entry in the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB)-Philippine Daily Inquirer Chinese New Year promotion.

It won her a trip for two to Hong Kong, an auspicious start for the Year of the Rooster.

Raymundo submitted the winning response to the question "Why is Hong Kong the ideal place to celebrate the Chinese New Year?"

She received her prize from David Leung, HKTB regional director for South and Southeast Asia, and Cheche Moral of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The trip is a dream-come-true for the young obstetrician, who has never been to Hong Kong. She will be traveling with her husband and their three children.

"I'm thrilled… it would be a great way for my family to spend the summer break. I know that Hong Kong is a great year-round destination for the family," Raymundo said.

Though she admitted she enjoyed joining contests, Raymundo still could not believe she had finally won a grand prize. She was even more surprised to learn her reply bested more than 900 entries received from all over the Philippines within a span of 10 days.

Finalists Lucy Anne G. Lecaroz, Melissa Erames-Tuballa, Maria Rhodora G. Ancheta, Ailessa G. Lim and Nelia S. Circujales received special gift packs consisting of a Hong Kong: Live It. Love It! electronic organizer, watch, leather luggage tag, LED pen, Year of the Rooster calendar and soft toy, courtesy of HKTB.

They may claim their prizes at Perceptions, Inc., 3/F Fortune Office Building, 160 Legazpi St., Legazpi Village, Makati City.

Hong Kong welcomed the Year of the Rooster Feb. 7-11 in spectacular style—showcasing colorful traditions, dazzling entertainment and scintillating action. This year's celebration was highlighted by the annual Cathay Pacific International Chinese New Year Night Parade.

TRAVEL-BRIEFS

Lenten Visita Iglesia

On March 24, Holy Thursday, take a day's journey tracing the religious past while commemorating the Stations of the Cross at 7 Spanish-era churches in Laguna and Rizal. Take this time to pray, contemplate and spend time with family and friends in an environment rich in history and artistry.

The church tour includes Our Lady of the Pillar in Alaminos whose ivory image, found in a well, has brought many miracles to those who sought her intercession; the Church of San Bartolome Apostol in Nagcarlan, the Church of St. John the Baptist in Liliw; and the Church of San Gregorio Magno in Majayjay. Other churches in the itinerary are the Church of Sta. Maria Magdalena, the Church of St. Peter Alcantara and the Church of St. Jerome in Morong, Rizal which is a declared National Treasure with its beautiful baroque architecture. The whole day tour includes round trip transportation. Call 4366580, 4260093 or 0917-8274582.

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By mid-year, more Oakwood projects are expected as negotiations for additional properties are completed, according to Robert Philips, director of sales and marketing of Oakwood Asia Pacific.

He says serviced residences are becoming more popular in Asia as more travelers are beginning to understand the difference between them and hotels. He compares serviced apartments to sport utility vehicles (SUV). While in the past, people only had a choice between sedans and trucks, the SUV has increased their options.

Serviced residences have become an alternative for people looking for something in between a hotel and a condominium, Philips says.

He says Oakwood Premier Ayala Center, established in 1998, has inspired other Oakwood projects in the region, their developers having visited the Ayala Center establishment. Oakwood's Premier brand offers luxury accommodations including designer furniture and higher-end hotel accessories in city-center locations.

Oakwood Premier Ayala Center was the first of its kind to be built in Asia and remains an industry leader. Most of the newer properties will be Oakwood Residences offering a selection of amenities for families.

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Subic tourism players band together

TOURISM organizations and other players around Subic Bay have united to form the Greater Subic Bay Tourism Bureau (GSBTB) that will spearhead the establishment of the new "Subik" tourist destination.

Subik is envisioned to make the market area—composed of Bataan, Olongapo, Subic Bay Freeport and Zambales—a top vacation haven and convention center for local and foreign tourists.

In the induction of officers at Legenda Hotel, GSBTB chair George Lorenzana of White Rock and Mt. Woods Resort Hotels said Subik's vision centers on the total enhancement of Subic Bay and its adjoining areas into a secure, competent, sustainable, ecologically sound tourism and vacation mecca in the Asia-Pacific.

GSBTB is composed of 12 committees that will implement the bureau's vision and strategies. These strategies are: enhancement of attraction locations within the Greater Subic Bay (GSB) area through continuous beautification programs and upgrading; coordinate with government agencies, NGO's and affiliated entities for maritime safety, security, sanitation and hygiene, and reforestation; development of water sports activities, education of inhabitants along the coastline and river banks to cultivate volunteerism in the upkeep of the bay and coral reefs; develop and implement policies and guidelines for hotels and resorts; develop linkages to provide value-for-money tour packages; provide fast and comfortable routes or access points into and around Subic; support world-class nightclubs and original cultural shows that give wholesome service and entertainment to tourists; develop Oriental style spas and wellness centers; support the development of tourist walks connecting Olongapo City and the Subic Bay Freeport to develop a dynamic, cohesive nightlife; and develop a jingle on Subic for international distribution.

Also lined up is the development and promotion of various historical places, like Lubao, which has the Diosdado Macapagal ancestral house and the 400-year-old Lubao church. The town is eyed as a viable gateway to Subik.

Other known tourist attractions are the Bataan Memorial in Mt. Samat, the verdant forests of SBMA, Subic Bay and its sunset, resorts and water sports activities.

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AIR Transport World Magazine, the leading monthly magazine covering the global airline industry, selected Air France-KLM as its Airline of the Year for 2005.

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For flight schedules, please log on to www.klm.com.ph or call Air France-KLM at 8871202.

EXPO'S MOST POPULAR BOOTH

The booth of the Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) was named Most Popular Booth in the recent Travel Tour Expo. The booth showed the imposing façade of a typical building in one of Macau's shopping areas, the Rua de Felicidade. The MGTO staff, dressed in colorful Macanese costumes, gave away servings of soybean curd and Zodiac sign calligraphy to visitors. Inexpensive summer tour packages to Macau are now available through travel agents or MGTO. Call 8122595 and 8130947.

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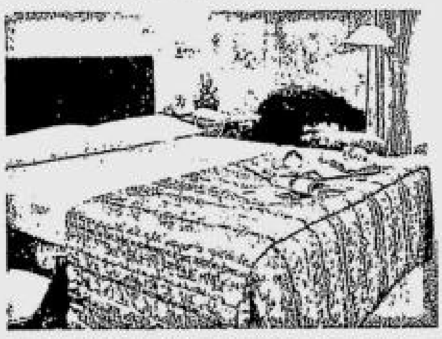
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A wedding for Cebu's most prominent family

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Jaime Picornell

CRISTINA Barretto Osmeña and **Stephen O'Rourke** both work as stock analysts but in different offices in New York City. That is how they met, fell in love and became engaged. They decided that the wedding should be in Cebu.

Cristina came weeks ahead of the important day to get everything organized. Stephen followed later. Her uncle, Cebu City Mayor **Tomas Osmeña,** offered to officiate at the civil rites held at the scenic building on Cebu's South Reclamation Project. The city's beauteous First Lady **Margot Vargas Osmeña** made sure there was an archway of flowers for bride and groom to pass through.

CRISTINA and Stephen O'Rourke

Parties in their honor were held days before the wedding. **Luis** and **Annie** (nee **Osmeña**) **Aboitiz** hosted a large merienda at their beautiful home in Maria Luisa Estate Park.

Minnie Osmeña breezed in from New York and quickly organized a dinner at the Casino Español. Cristina's mom, **Marilita Barretto,** had a *despedida de soltera* for her with a South Seas theme at Plantation Bay resort in Mactan. Every star in the sky seemed to be out that night.

Solemn

The wedding service was solemn at the chapel of the Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort. Cristina, in a Vera Wang gown and a veil of illusion tulle held by a diadem, was led to the altar by her brother, **Serge Osmeña IV.**

The name brings to mind one of Cebu's most prominent lineages. President **Sergio Osmeña,** revered as the quintessential statesman, was their great grandfather. **Serging Osmeña, Jr.,** for so many years mayor of Cebu City, was their grandfather. And their father is Senator **Serge Osmeña III.**

Cocktails in the garden followed the rites, a prelude to the dinner reception at the Mactan Ballroom, transformed into a wonderland of fragrant blooms by **Teresing Mendezona.**

Marilita Barretto was all over. Now a resident of San Francisco, it was a great opportunity to touch base with so many friends and relations from Manila. And from Cebu where she made countless acquaintances when she and her growing children lived here three decades ago. Is it that long? **Amparito** and **Michel Lhuillier** wondered.

Stephen's mom, **Karen Grimmell,** had come from Guilford, Connecticut, with a large group of family members. They took turns making toasts, roasting Stephen with witty humor.

The Barretto sisters and brother were in full force. **Lelet** (**Barretto**) and **Manolet Heredia** make their home in Cebu, and were with their children **Christopher, Patricia** and **Denise.**

Cita (**Barretto**) and **Edee Villanueva** came with daughters **Monica** and **Sofia,** the latter with husband **Herman Warns.**

Lully Barretto Chiongbian came with **Isabel, Camille, Julia** and **Sabrina.**

Rene Barretto and his wife **Sonsoles** were with their brood: **Amaya** and **Javi Legarda, Carlos** and **Ines.** Also from Manila were **Vic** and **Boling** (**nee Tuason**) **Reyes,** as well as their cousin, **Nena Ortoll.**

Induction

The Hotel, Resort and Restaurant Association of Cebu (HRRAC) held recently its induction party at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel. Vice Mayor **Michael Rama** was there, and so was **Dawn Roa,** Department of Tourism's regional director here, who officiated at the ceremony and delivered an inspirational message.

ANNABELLE Lu Ym, Marilita Barretto, Nena Ortoll and Annie Aboitiz

In a tourism-oriented province like Cebu, the hospitality industry is of paramount importance. And those at the helm of HRRAC have an important role to play. There's young blood in the new hierarchy and, to prove it, they asked guests to come in jazzed up jeans.

Marco Protacio, the Waterfront Hotel's general manager, is president. He has four vice presidents: **Dottie Wurgler** of the Marriott for hotels, Costa Bella's **Marita Arambulo** for resorts, **Lita Urbina** of Café Laguna for restaurants, and Unilever's **John Robles** for allied industries.

Past president **Jessica Avila** is in the board, as are **Sergio Lim** (treasurer), **Rene Osorio** (corporate secretary), **Julie Vergara, Xavier Castueras, Efren Belarmino, Jimmy Young** and **Lyndon Angan.**

Jude Bacalso, as program host, was hilarious as usual. Past president **Sitoy Alvarez** and his wife **Ditas** were simply in stitches at the jokes and some impromptu situations that gave Jude a chance to come up with a punch line or two.

HRRAC has established an executive office under **Aissa de la Cruz** at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug. The association needs it, what with Marco's grandiose plans for the year. In May, a Santacruzan will be staged with the participation of movie stars. And in September a ball, in the style of the Vienna opera.

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Dr. Howard Gardner-Identifier of the 8 Intelligences

Dr. Howard Gardner is a professor in Cognition and Education at the Havard Graduate School of Education. He is also the identifier of the eight intelligences. He proposes that education must not only cater to the verbal-linguistic intelligence of a child but also to the other intelligences that he or she may possess. These so-called "smarts" are found in varying degrees and in differing amalgams in every individual.

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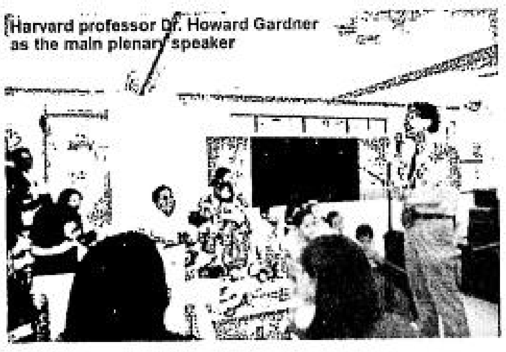

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Let us all help our children develop their own "smarts" so that they may be productive members of society one day, and let SMART Kid be a part of that journey.

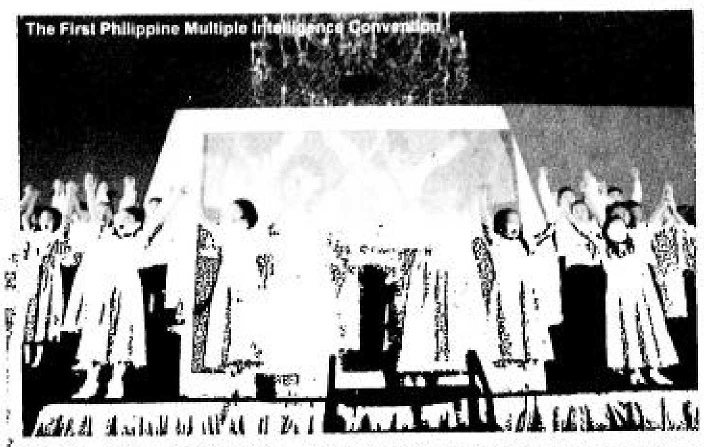
Dr. Howard Gardner with Former President Corazon Aquino and Lisa Macuja-Elizalde

Learning through music at the Multiple Intelligence International School

Dr. Gardner at the Convention Presscon

CJ de Silva receives her award for Spatial Intelligence

Lisa Macuja-Elizalde receives a recognition for Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence



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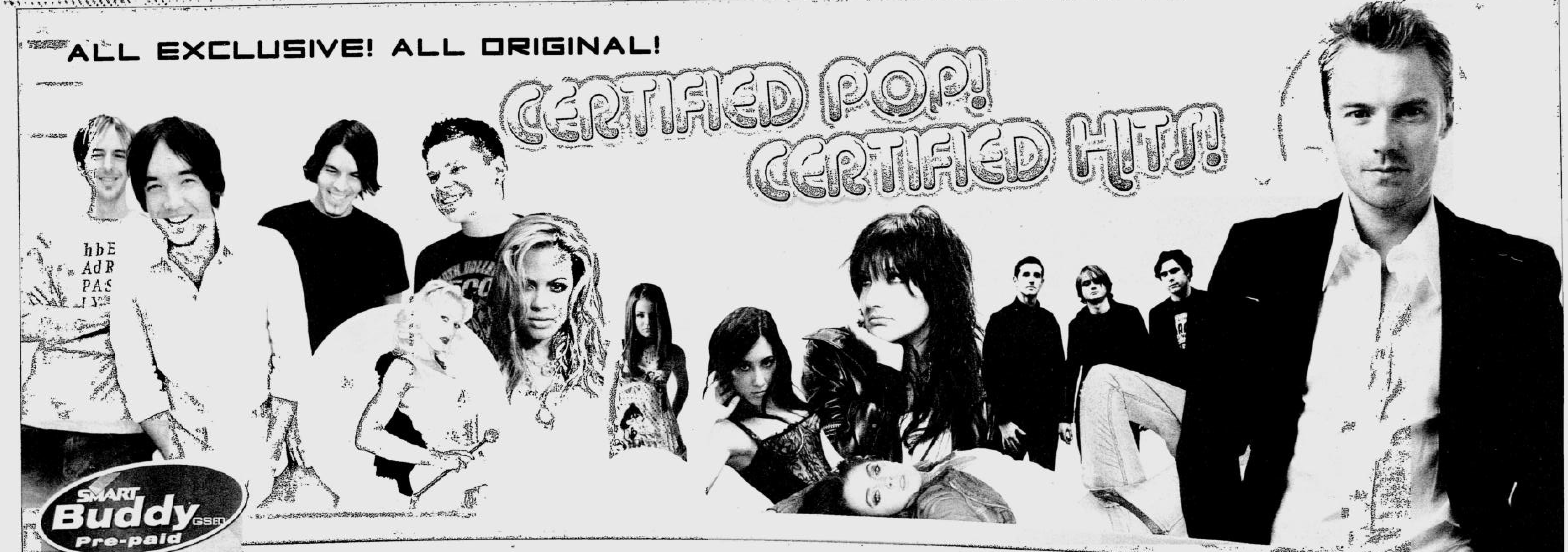

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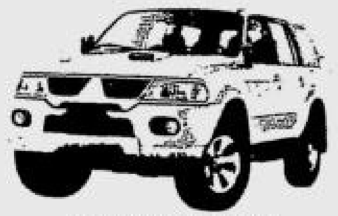

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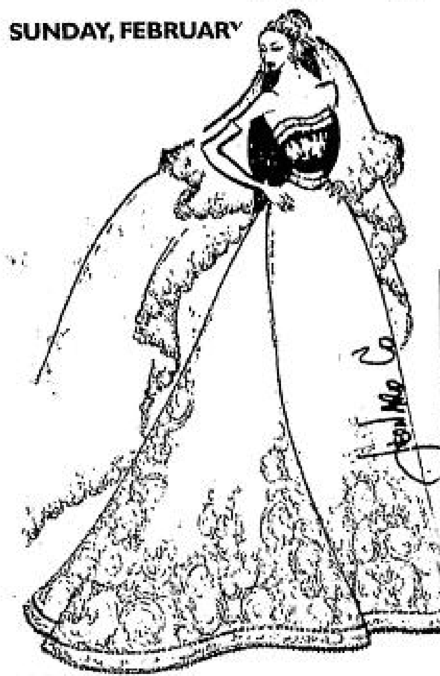
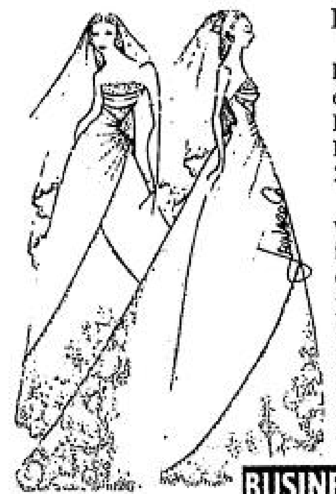


NG-CHUA

Sharleen Chua, daughter of **Melencio** and **Elena Chua**, will exchange vows with **Francis Ng**, son of **Judith Ng**, today at the Manila Cathedral.

The bride will wear an all-white metallic organdy bouffant gown with a fully beaded bodice and 5-meter cathedral train, embellished with cut beads, nakar and Swarovski stones. The gown was designed by **Leonard Co.**



PANLILIO-ROSALES

Lorraine Rosales, daughter of **Rolando** and **Lolita Rosales**, will exchange vows with **Widmark Panlilio**, son of **Wallace** and **Vicky Panlilio**, today at Fernwood Garden 2.

The bride will wear and ivory white duchess satin with front draping and metallic organdy, embroidered in matte gold dainty floral pattern, accentuated with three meters matte gold organza detachable train beaded with sand crystals and Swarovski stones accented with gold beads. The gown was designed by **Leonard Co.**

Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple to the INQUIRER *office, or P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City, or e-mail lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.*

CRESCINI GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Criminal lawyer and former *de oficio* counsel of former President **Joseph Estrada, Prospero A. Crescini**, and his wife **Carmelita Magante-Crescini** will mark their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows at 4:30 p.m., March 5, at the St. John Bosco Parish Church on Arnaiz Street, Makati City. Rev. Fr. **Larry Faraon**, O.P., will celebrate Mass. Reception will follow at the Quezon ABC Hall at Makati Shangri-La. The clothes of the Crescini couple and their children were designed by **Fermin "Jun" Halili.**

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TOP photojournalists Chito Vecina, Edwin Tuyay and Mel Cortez will showcase their award-winning photography in Wedding Expo Philippines March 5-6, at the NBC Tent.

Apart from weddings, Vecina (www.chitovecina.com; tel. 8096190) also engages in fashion, advertising, corporate, and architectural and interior photography. He has been a photojournalist for 25 years, his works appearing in Time, Newsweek, Asiaweek, New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, South China Morning Post and Canada's Sposa wedding magazine. He has worked for international news agencies such as Reuters and Agence France Presse, as well as the Hong Kong Standard, and local dailies. His works now regularly appear in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Tuyay was Asiaweek's first staff photographer. He traveled around Asia shooting government heads, politicians, dissidents, celebrities and tai pans, among others. He contributes to Time, Newsweek, Fortune, Forbes, Businessweek, The New York Times, South China Morning Post, L.A. Times, Paris Match, Stern, Bloomberg News, Far Eastern Economic Review, MSNBC, Reader's Digest International and Esquire Magazine.

Together with wife and photography partner Ellen, Tuyay put up the ePhoto Gallery (tel. 2593351; ephotogallery.com.ph), with branches in Lipa, Batangas and Manila.

Cortez is the acknowledged pioneer in digital photojournalism in the country and the first "true blue" wedding photographer. He has also done extensive work in editorial, corporate, travel, advertising and fashion photography since 1991. A catalyst of digital wedding photography, he is the founding chair of the Philippine Center for Photojournalism and the Photographers Development Cooperative-Philippines (PhotoDev). Currently, he is the managing director of DecisiveMoments Photography, LittleDreams Photography and CandidPictures, a reality-based wedding video company (tel. 9299624; www.dicisivemoments.org).

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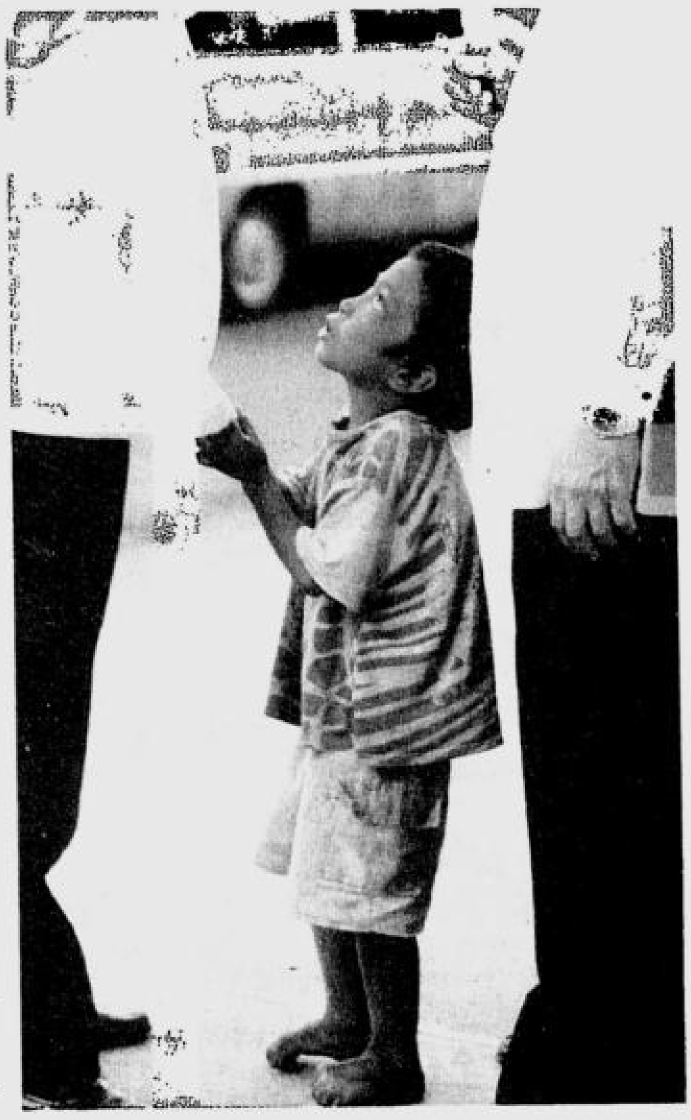

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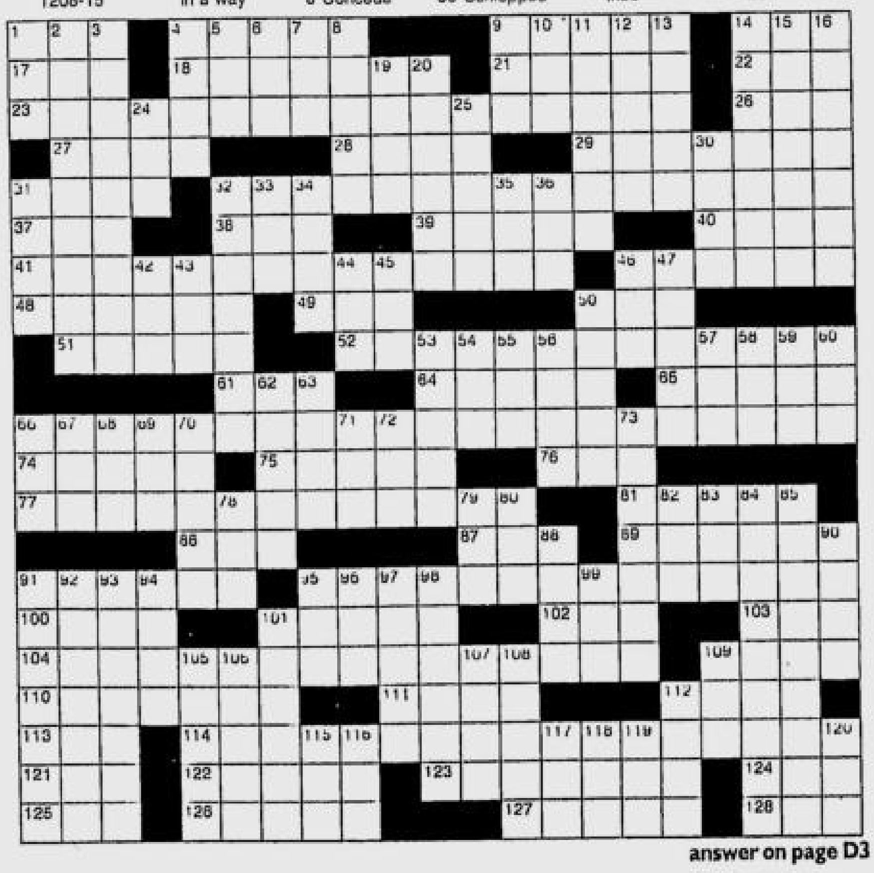

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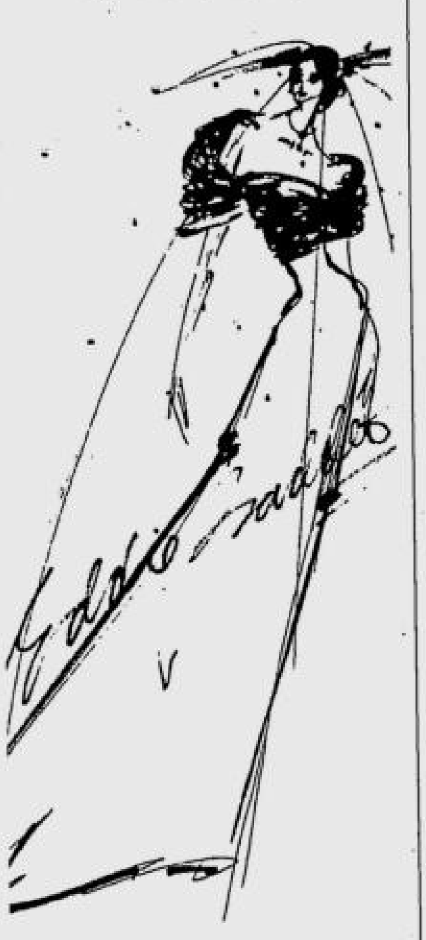


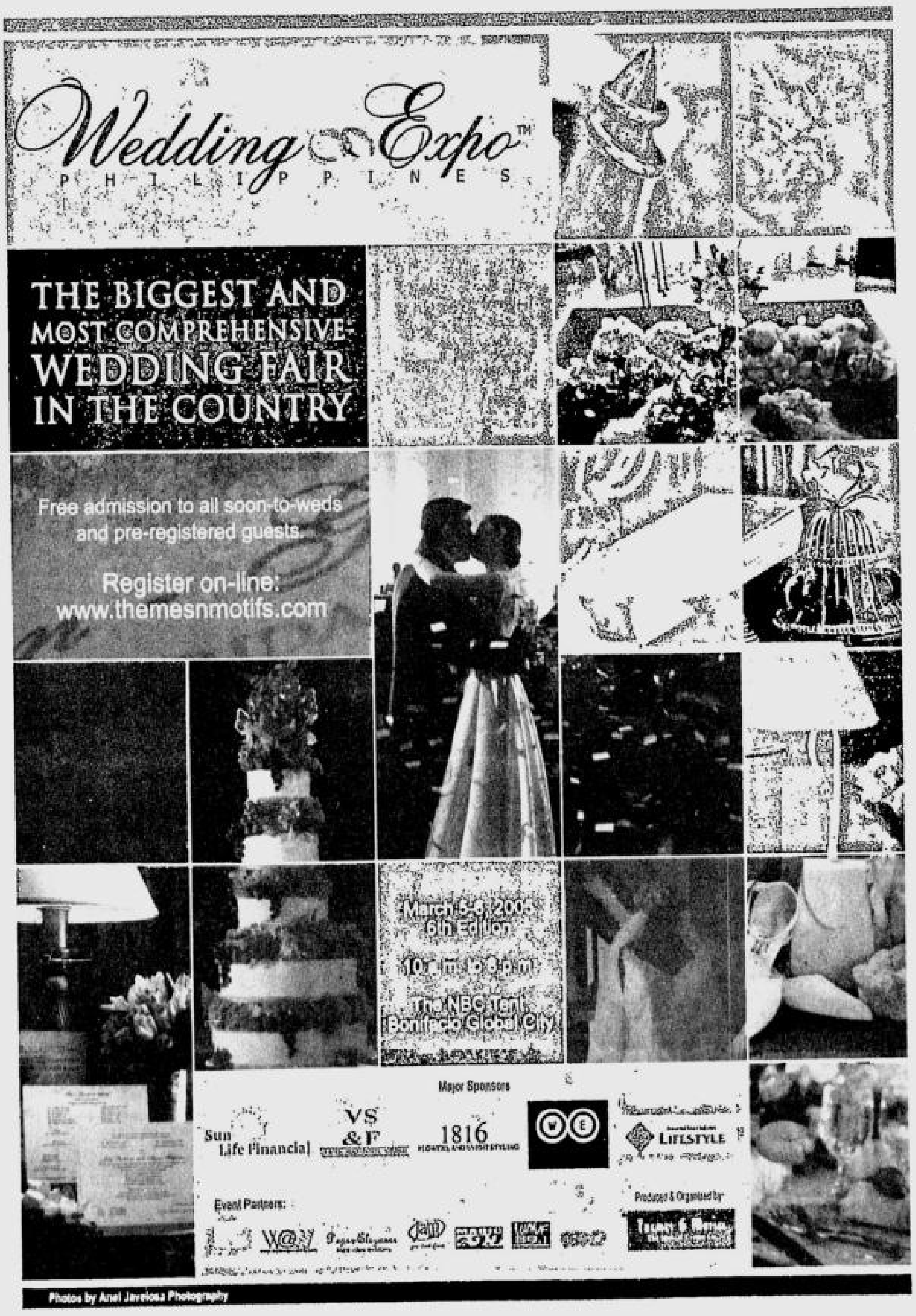
LONTOK-PEREZ

Maricris Perez, daughter of **Ernesto** and **Marilou Perez**, and husband **Luis Emmanuel Lontok III,** son of **Luis** and **Jocelyn Lontok**, are renewing their vows on March 5, Saturday, at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Makati.

Reception will follow at Chef Laudico in Urdaneta Village.

The United States-based couple, who are on vacation in the Philippines with their daughter Maia, decided to have another wedding ceremony with family and friends in attendance.

The bride was a former member of the Professional Models Association of the Philippines and first runner-up and Miss Photogenic in the 1996 Elite Philippines search. Formerly a signature model of couturier **Eddie Baddeo**, she will wear a white silk gazar column gown with crushed draping bodice made of pink and lavender illusion tulle and detachable crumbled cape with fresh flowers as headdress, designed and executed by Baddeo. The Lontoks reside in Tampa, Florida, USA.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Father ignores plea for son's support

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I am 24 years old, single with a year-old baby boy. His father is an OFW (overseas Filipino worker) in Taiwan where I also used to work.

At first, he was nice to us. But now, he has ignored my plea for support for the baby. He is coming home in August. He is such a disappointment I am not sure I still want to marry him.

I now work as an English tutor for some Koreans and I don't know if I should go abroad again to support my child. I don't feel like falling in love again.

But should I find someone else to love since it is so difficult to raise a child alone? What should I tell my child about his father who refuses to help us?

JM

There's nothing wrong with asking the man who got you pregnant to take responsibility for his sexual recklessness. But if the man is such a creep that asking him for support is like drawing blood from stone, you and your child are better off without him.

You should ask for help only if you are absolutely bed-ridden or mentally deficient and totally incapable of finding a job. You have a college degree and seem confident enough to stand alone. Why not stop depending on anybody, whether lover or family? Make money through your own sweat.

Your jerk of a lover will respect you, your family will admire you, your child will be forever proud of you. Most of all, you can look anybody in the eye, head held high because you feel great about yourself!

You are free to go abroad and earn those almighty dollars. But how will your child grow up without a mother? He may go to the best schools, sport the trendiest clothes and have all the things money can buy—but is that all there is to life? How will he imbibe your values, your wisdom, your humor, your generosity, your loving nature if you were thousands of miles away? How can you mold his character?

Text messages or phone calls cannot compensate for your absence in his life. Branded products are no substitute for your hugs! Wouldn't you want to be part of his growing up?

You can be a maid or a salesgirl here but being with your son will make you feel like a million bucks. It's all a matter of integrity, priorities and values. Try not to keep up with the wealth you see around you. It can be deluding and frustrating. And it is never what it seems to be.

Learn the meaning of enough. It's a simple word but its true essence can be quite complex. Remember that everything is hard. Nothing is ever easy. Even chewing simple food is laborious.

Insensitive husband

MY husband and I live in the Middle East. He has a well-paying job in a government corporation and I'm also employed. We are the envy of friends because my husband enjoys many privileges, like free housing and schooling for our kids.

My problem is my husband's insensitivity. First, I never know where or how he spends his salary. He sends money every month to his family and other relatives in the Philippines monthly that they depend on him for everything.

That would have been okay, but he doesn't leave any money for me and our three kids. If I did not have a job, we wouldn't have money for food or daily expenses. I've been branded a tightwad by our friends because I always make excuses not to spend.

Second, though my husband is well-liked by everyone, he is a totally different person at home. I tell myself he is just not demonstrative, but I've never felt loved or secure in our relationship.

I want to leave him and return to the Philippines, but I am afraid I won't be able to find a good-paying job and he may not support us at all. We don't even have a house and no plans to build one though we have a lot.

My husband is so happy-go-lucky that there aren't any provisions for our kids' education or welfare if anything happens to him. I feel so alone and so desperate. But the Bible says the Lord will not give a person a problem he cannot handle so I'm just coasting along and drawing strength from that.

GINA

You seem to have been emotionally estranged from your husband for so long, just from the tone of your letter. How long has it been since you two made passionate love? Have you gone out by yourselves without the kids just to have a good time, ever? Do you talk to each other at all? Do you even remember how long ago you two have touched each other? If your answer is NO to all the questions, then, you've got a problem.

You cannot just mope and cry and feel so pathetically downtrodden. You have to get up and get a hold of your life. Take your husband to a quiet place and open your heart and mind to him. Tell him what is troubling you—simply, calmly, straight to the point, and with absolutely no histrionics. You were in love once. He may listen and think things over. But you have to do it right!

If he is nice to his friends and generous to his family, then, he already has that innate big-heartedness. You just have to draw it out gently and direct it to you and your kids. You cannot fight his coldness at home by being cold yourself.

Thaw the iciness in him with warmth. Do it slowly even if it kills you. Do it until it becomes a habit. Do it because you have a lot riding here. This small gesture might make you two fall in love with each other all over again. Not a bad thought, huh? Remember—kindness is very seductive.

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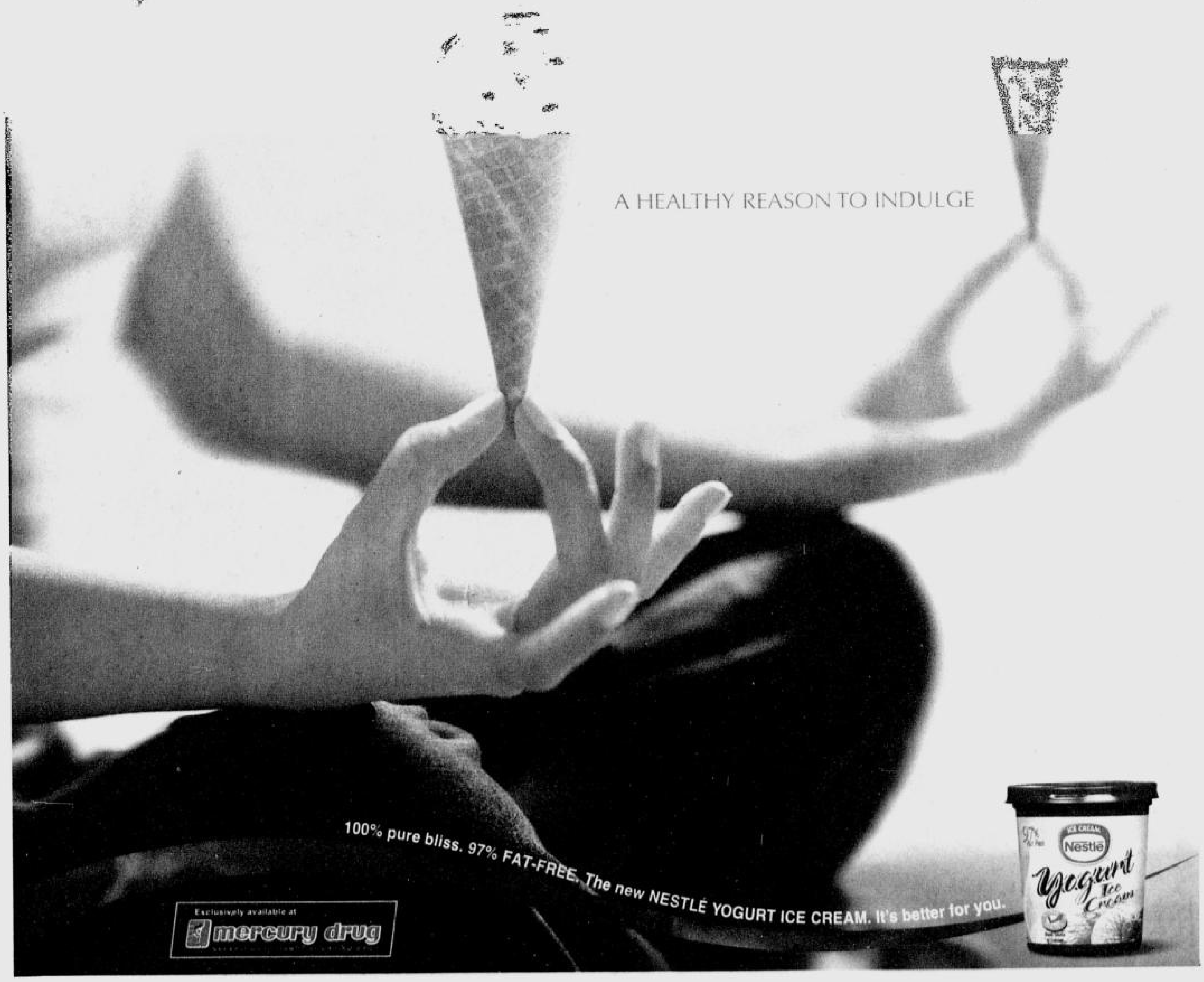

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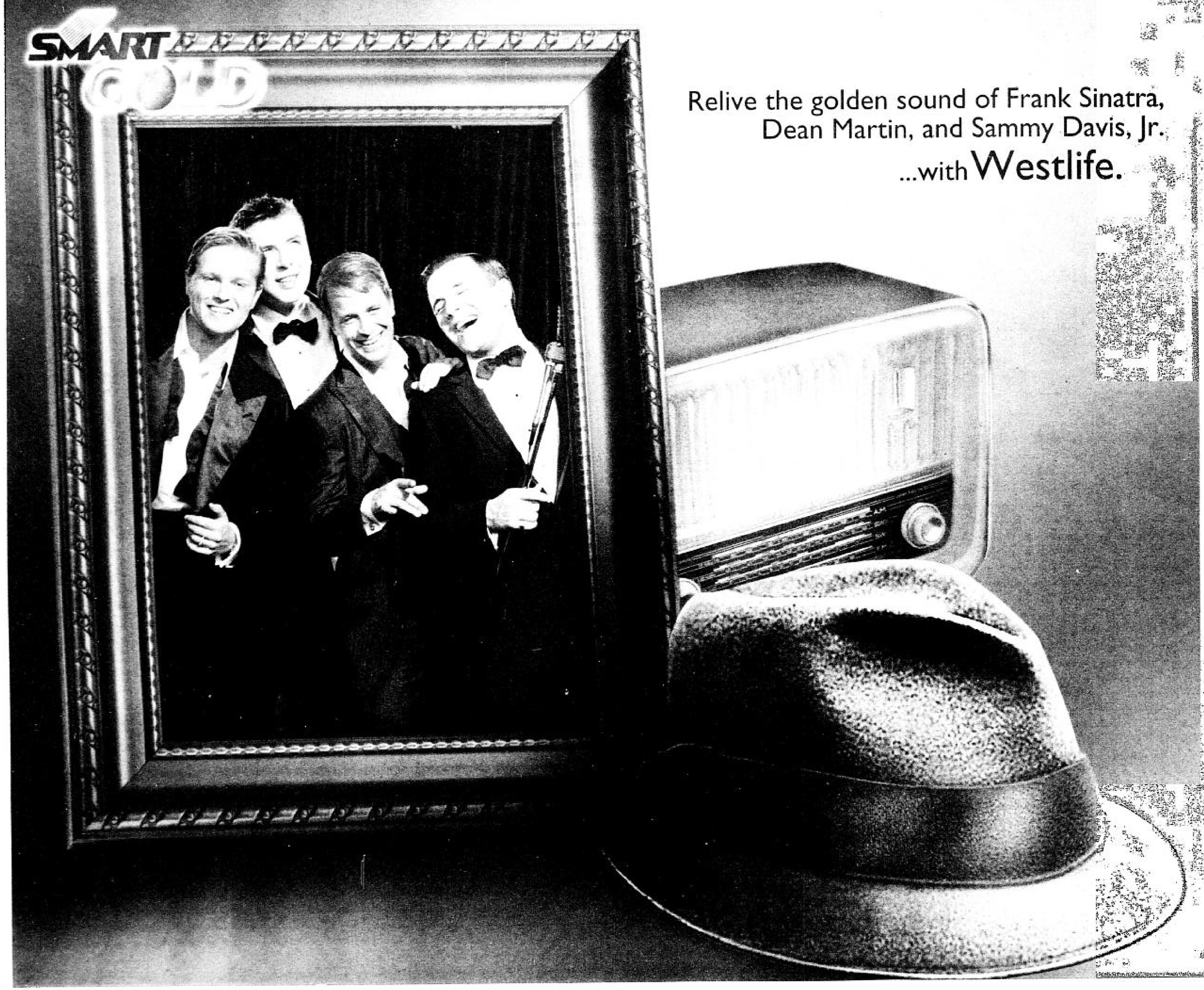

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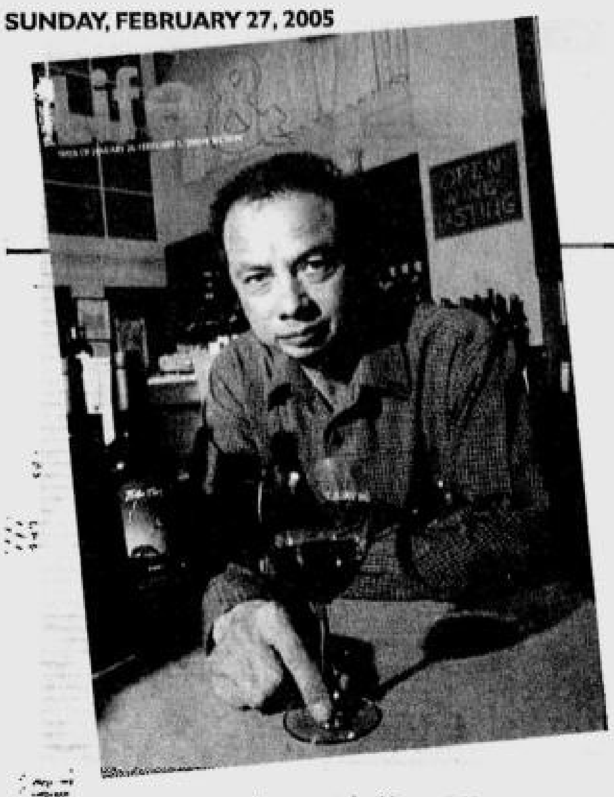

Behind the award-winning 2002 Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon is Filipino winemaker Danilo Villamin

Eden Canyon
2002
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Eden regained

By Percy Della
Contributor

SACRAMENTO—A nipa hut in a California vineyard would seem like a strange sight. But such imagery is something Danilo Villamin wants planted in the minds of wine connoisseurs in the Golden State and beyond.

Villamin and his younger daughter Elaine run what is believed to be the first Filipino American winery in the United States to grow its own grapes and bottle its own wine.

The Eden Canyon Winery is carved out of Villamin's 60-acre spread in Creston, San Luis Obispo County. The vineyard came out with its first vintage—400 cases of 2002 Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon—last November.

Award-winning

The Villamins' wine, sold at 20 wine stores throughout California, has been picking up awards, including a bronze medal in the San Francisco Chronicle wine competition. In a major coup for Elaine, who takes care of marketing, their wine was part of the gift baskets to presenters and performers in the recent Grammy Awards in Hollywood.

It's been a long way since 1996 when Villamin, who was untested as a grower, planted the grapes. Then he watched in horror as a devastating brush fire, known as the "Highway 58" conflagration, consumed thousands of acres, including his first crop.

"I still have the image of my mom smothering embers with her shovel as the fire spread on to the neighbors' land," says Elaine, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

She said after the fire, her dad replanted the vines "on soil that became richer from the embers and has produced grapes for wines that have picked up an accolade here and there."

Reversal of fortune

She and her father are the vintners, deciding on the final blend before bottling and marketing the wine under the Eden Canyon label.

Historically, Filipinos have been part of the labor force in California's vineyards since the 1920s. They've labored hard in planting and harvesting crops.

In Villamin's case, there's been a reversal of fortune.

He takes his success in stride. "All this hard work's for my daughters," says the 60-year-old vintner.

Campus romance

Villamin met his wife, Nieves, at the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP). He grew up in Manila's tough Balic-Balic neighborhood; Nieves in a then pastoral Cabanatuan City.

While he installed telephone lines in Cabanatuan and other places, his wife taught school at TIP until it was time to immigrate to America on a visa for professionals that Nieves had secured.

They settled with their first-born Edna in the Bay Area where Danilo found work as a cabinetmaker. He later opened his own custom cabinetry business.

The couple moved to San Luis Obispo in 1990 to follow daughter Edna, who was then attending Cal Polytechnic University. That same year, they bought the farm where Villamin continues to make custom cabinets for clientele in the Bay Area.

Villamin handles the winery's day-to-day operations while the harvesting and wine-making process are a family affair. Seasonal farm hands come to help prune the vineyards in March and pick the grapes starting in October.

Villamin's plans include consolidating his wine-making activities in one building. His woodworking skills will come in handy when he erects the structure to include a barrel room to store his wine.

Who knows? He may even build the nipa hut of his fancy, just to make sure his Filipino ties are known to the wine-loving world.

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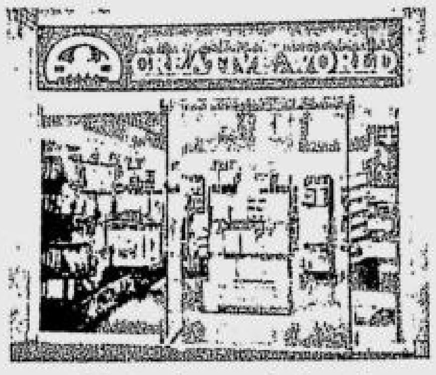

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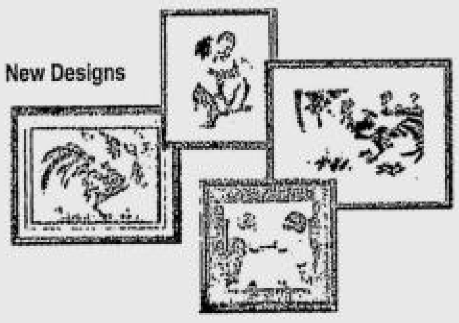

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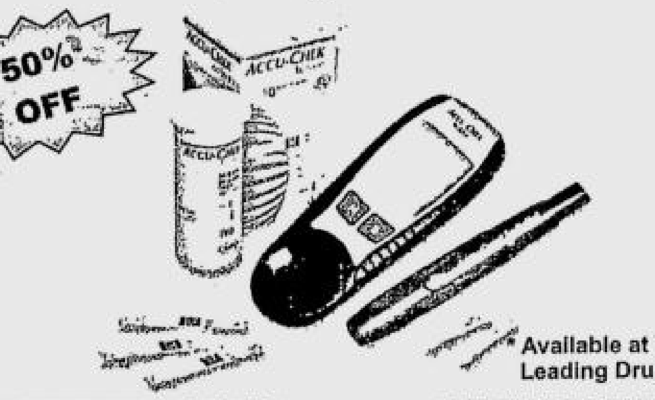

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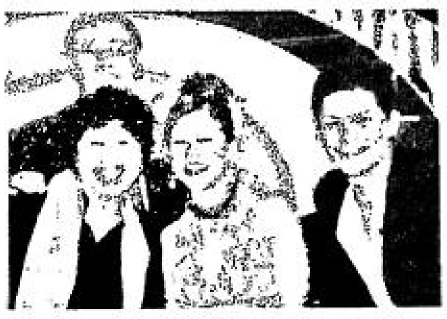
"LOOK Who's Talking" cast: Johnny Litton, Sea Princess and Anton San Diego with Dr. Margie Holmes

RIDERS in a row. Yvette Lopez, Chato Cruz, Erica Manoza and Margo Felix

RIDING family. Judy, Chelsea and Dickson Co

EXACTLY 12 years ago, during the Edsa Revolution holiday of 1993, I met Dennis, my husband-to-be, on a scuba-diving trip to Anilao, Batangas.

We used to call those trips "one-day-wonders" as we would head for the beach, squeeze in three or four dives and drive back late in the evening. Today such an exhausting excursion is unthinkable for me with all the preparation, the food and the kids to think of.

These days it seems I don't go anywhere unless we have reservations for the night.

Working in Hong Kong for NutraSweet, Dennis was on a business trip here when he realized it was a holiday. With his meetings cancelled, he joined us on the invitation of my scuba instructor, Gigi Santos. (She was Dennis' diving student when she started and now she includes President GMA among her students.)

Totally more interested in the sea creatures of Anilao, I made nothing of our encounter until October that same year when somehow Cupid—or should I say Neptune—pointed his arrow of love at us and he became my HK Pirate.

It's difficult not to get sentimental on Valentine's Day—indeed the whole month of February—when most events are usually geared for romance.

After more than 10 years of marriage, though challenges are still part of the whole union (like his recent helicopter mishap), we have managed to always have a blast. And this is possible partially due to awesome friends who have become an intrinsic part of our lives.

Eclectic bunch

All these incredible, close friends gathered last week to celebrate the birthday party for our Safari mate/yoga buddy and Cirkulo food expert Malu Gamboa.

Though they are an eclectic and eccentric bunch with creative and diverse minds, we all enjoyed the food, the company, the singing and the games—all in tribute to our Malu.

As she very nicely puts it, when it comes to close friends we are willing to do everything "above and beyond."

Food is now top priority in my party preparations. So to make sure the food would be excellent, I had guests bring all the dishes and the wine. Potluck? Well, why not? What are friends for but to use and abuse?

Aside from Cirkulo fare, Blush Hour owner Kitty Jacinto also brought a delicious Costa Brava cake with zebra-striped icing and a fireworks candle for the birthday girl. After vainly trying to extinguish it, she just waited for it to burn out and gave each guest a slice.

If Malu had a personal theme song, it would be "You are the Sunshine of My Life" by Stevie Wonder. Rajo Laurel sang that for us in his best, American Idol rendition.

Newly-recruited singer Patrick Dionisio sang while playing the guitar after countless threats from his possibly future family clan.

Delightful colorist

Also last week was Luminescence, the 14th solo exhibition of delightful colorist Marivic Rufino at the Upper Lobby of the Manila Peninsula Hotel.

With her man, Paeng Buenaventura, at her side, Marivic's latest creations on canvas, plus furniture and decorative items like lamps and pillows, were viewed by mighty bankers and the rest of Manila's top CEOs.

The exhibit was a burst of color with Marivic's fields of sunflower and bright skies. There was so much positive energy emanating from her art pieces.

At the exhibit, I was introduced to a new abstract artist who recently concluded his own art show. He asked me why I didn't grace his show and wondered why there were so many guests at the Rufino one.

Well, I must say, I was shocked—shocked!—to be accosted like this. All I could say, Casablanca-like, was, "Play it again," dear—and perhaps I'll drop by then.

Totally exciting

One event I always make sure to attend is the totally exciting Kamiseta Cup, which was held this year at the Enrique Zobel Field at the Manila Polo Club.

The ultra-hip girl's retail store, Kamiseta, is hosting this event for the second year. It now features a show-jumping competition and, for added thrills, a high-jump contest.

FAST friends of Malu Gamboa

FAMILY affair at Polo. Siblings Raffy and Marivic Rufino with the rest of the clan

YOUNG lovers Chesca Carpo and Patrick Dionisio

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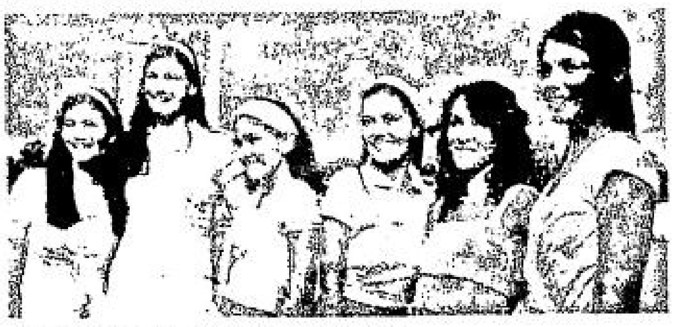
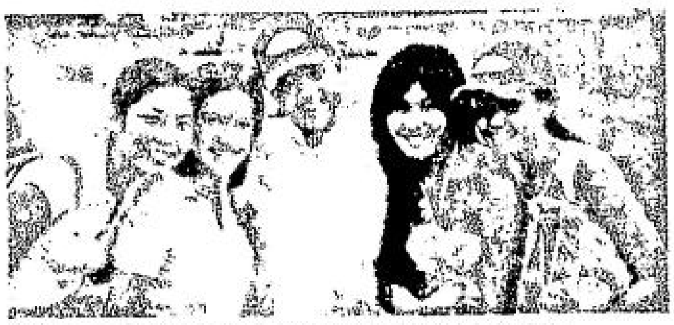
PUISSANCE champions Joker Arroyo and Mikee Jaworski

KAMISETA couple Gunn and Cris Roque


PRETTY young models in Kamiseta outfits


YOUNG and pretty equestriennes at the Manila Polo Club

FEATURED artist Marivic Rufino and her man, Paeng Buenaventura

FAMOUS friends Anton Barretto, Malu Gamboa and Keren Pascual

A word of advice to those single, teenage boys looking for the hottest babes in town: you should come and see the equestriennes. It was amazing to see such young, pretty girls so competitive and determined to perform perfectly in the events they were entered in.

Another lifetime and many pounds ago, I was a horse rider myself. (I hesitate to use the term equestrienne for what I was doing.) At any rate, I have an appreciation, fleeting though it may be, of the tension and amount of concentration needed to compete in the race.

The outcome of several months of practice is determined in a few minutes of performance. One has to be in proper sync with the horse and overcome all sense of negativity. There is, after all, that element of danger considering the height of the jumps.

INQUIRER Super's Tim Yap and I hosted the games in between the feats to entertain the spectators. The crowd was double that of last year's. Tim and I asked random friends easy trivia questions about Kamiseta, all of whom won cute travel bags and pillows.

The highlight of the day, though, was the Puissance, the high-jump competition. Several riders had qualified to try and beat the 1979 record of 1.66 meters held by Steven Virata.

The tension-filled polo field awaited the jumpers as they reached the 1.74m-high wall. After several unsuccessful attempts, only two remaining riders were left.

Incredibly, both Asian Olympic medalist Mikee Cojuangco Jaworski and her student, Joker Arroyo (yes, the daughter of the senator is a "Junior"), cleared the bar. The two now hold the record for the highest equestrian jump in the country, breaking a two-decade-old record.

Hilarious guest

Let me end with a short, shameless plug. For this coming episode of "Look Who's Talking" on ABC 5 on Wednesday late night, we interviewed the unabashedly straightforward sex psychologist, Dr. Margie Holmes.

She was not only very informative but also hilarious. After the show, she gave me her book, "Life, Love, Lust," which has a whole chapter on sex and the pregnant woman.

All I can say is that even after 10 years of wedded bliss, I think both Dennis and I are still on the right track.

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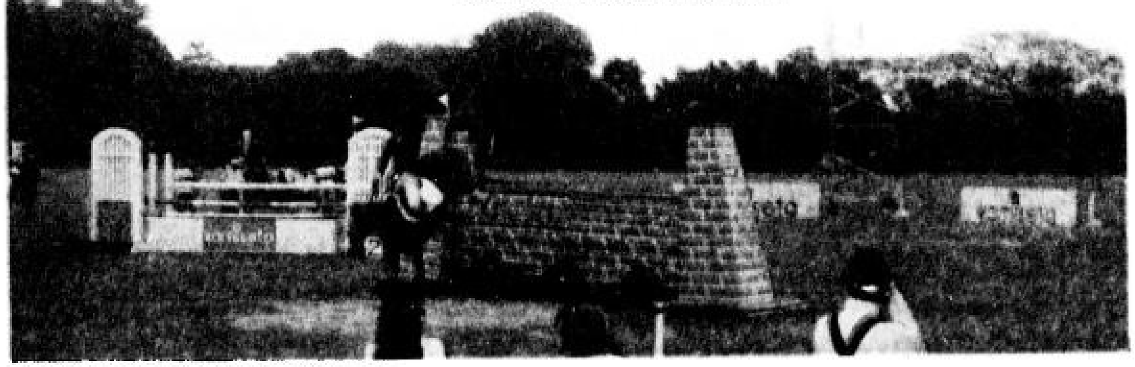
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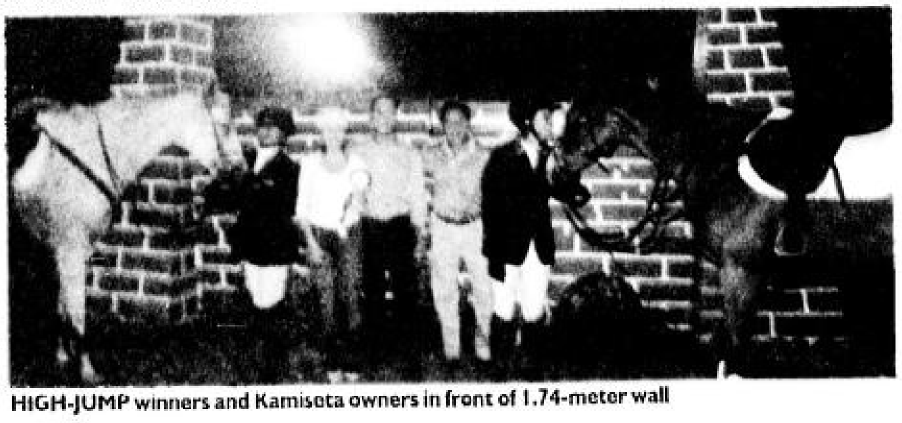
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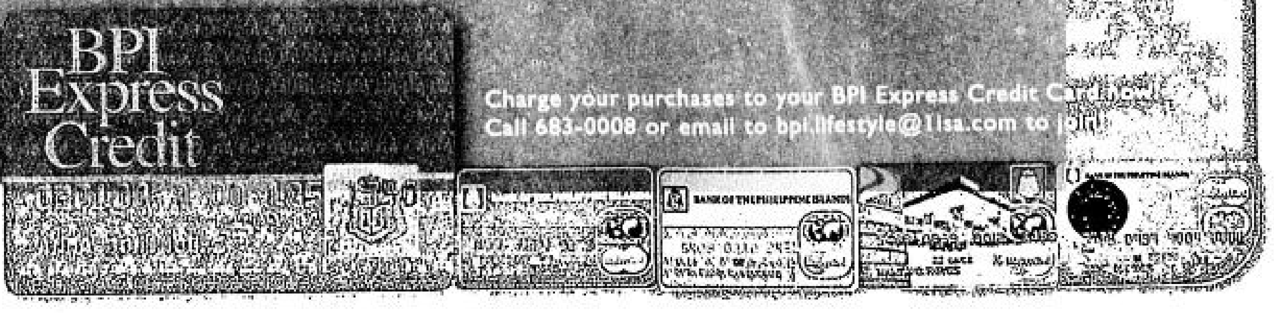

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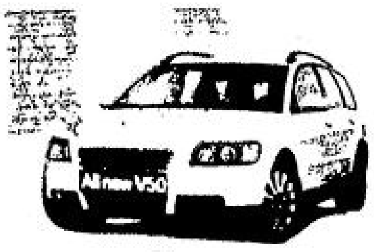

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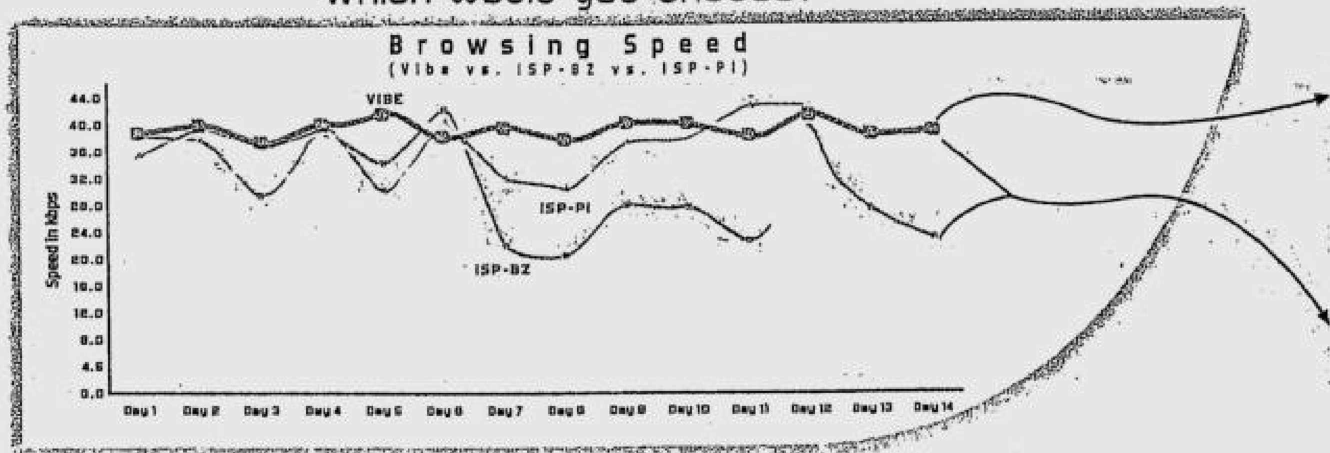

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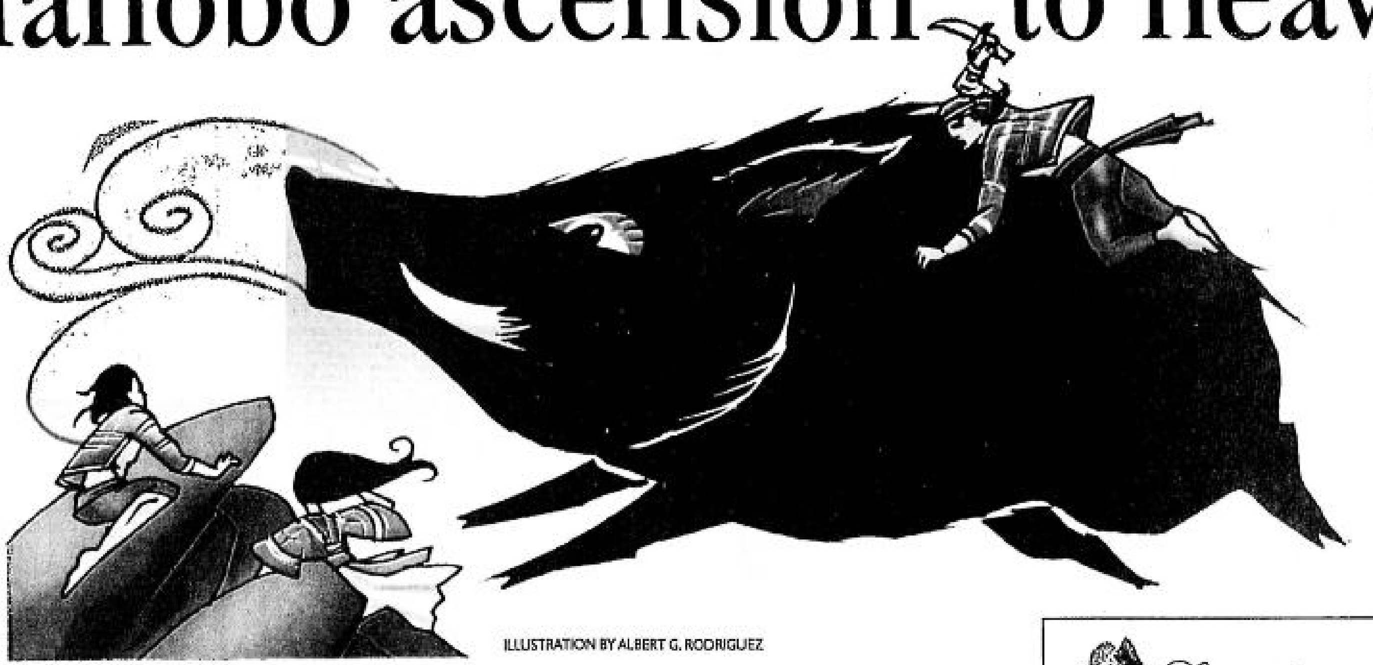
The Manobo ascension to heaven

By Elena Maquiso and Gilda Cordero-Fernando

(Fourth of a series)



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VI. THE LAST trial

The next morning, when the sun was not yet out of the horizon, the people saw a very young pig on the play ground. When Mungan saw the piglet, she knew that it was their adversary. "It is Makadingding," she told the Manobos. "You will need all your strength."

Mungan commanded Agyu to call his dog and to lead it to the pig. Everytime the dog barked the pig grew taller. After the fourth bark the pig was already as tall as the ceiling of the house. It stopped growing when it became as tall as the oldest *apitong* tree. The boar's hair was like needles and its tusks were sharp and upturned like the ends of the bladed *kampilan*. The enormous pig kept moving around as the dog barked. The people emerged from their houses and followed the pig. As soon as Makadingding became aware of the multitude it charged furiously into their midst.

The boar wounded everyone along the way from the youngest to the oldest, slashing open their abdomens with his tusks and scattering their internal organs. In the first assault, half of the people lay dead or wounded. Makadingding continued to charge until only Pemulew, Agyu and Lemena were left unhurt. The *diwatas* informed Pemulew that they should all be ready for the heavenly boar would not spare anyone.

Confident from his previous victories Lemena leapt on Makadingding's back without hesitation plunging his deadly dagger into the pig's shoulder. The huge animal swiveled with pain right and left, trying to throw Lemena off. The movement was so swift and violent that Lemena lost his balance and fell on his back. The boar charged at him wounding him in the stomach with its dagger tusk and throwing out Lemena's intestines. Before they could defend themselves, Pemulew and Agyu, who were on top of a rock watching, were also attacked by the boar who likewise ripped open their stomachs with its long tusks. The two fell from the rock. But the boar was also dying from the wound inflicted by Lemena.

The other *diwatas* still watching on the lowest rung of heaven told the unconscious Agyu that they would still have to go through a second to the last step before finally qualifying for godhood. They were not to worry about their wounds because it was the will of the Great Diwata that their abdomens be opened. Their intestines had now been transformed into the gold intestines of immortality. Henceforth they would have no need to eat.

The *diwatas* spewed their saliva on the dying and in the wink of an eye all came of them to life, unaware of the change in their intestines. As from a deep sleep they woke up as commanded. Each one found himself sitting on a stone. Agyu awoke between his two brothers.

VII. The extra share

When Makadingding's carcass touched the earth it became as small as a human leg. Banlak volunteered to butcher the pig. Agyu distributed a share of its meat to everyone. To his surprise he found that there was one extra share. Agyu ordered Lemena to get back all the pieces. To everyone's amazement, all the pieces became one whole pig. Lemena sliced the meat again according to the exact number of people. But when the shares were given out there was still an extra piece. The collection and distribution of the shares was done three times and thrice there was one share left over.

Suspecting that the extra share was really meant for an extra person, Agyu ordered the people to search the area. Mungan noticed a boy hiding behind a rock. "Here is the one who owns the extra share," Mungan declared. Agyu called the boy. As Baybayan approached, Agyu looked at him intently from head to foot. He noted that the boy looked like one of his children. "You are my son!" he said. "Come and receive your share." The young man took his portion of the mystical pig.

Agyu now ordered everyone to cook their own small slice of meat in their own big pots. One woman complained that her piece was too small and cooked it in a little pot. The pot burst and the woman screamed. For not believing, the woman was transformed into a *kuwaw* bird and flew away. Agyu admonished the people to remain silent no matter what they witnessed. To their astonishment each tiny share of the meat increased in size as it boiled in the pot. There was more than enough for everyone. Only Baybayan did not eat as he wanted to take home his share to his mother and grandfather.

Mungan told the group, "This is our last meal together for we shall soon be completely immortalized. Let us rejoice before leaving this world by dancing the war dance, *sa-et*. Each man is to make only one turn, Here is the ceremonial spear." When it was his turn Baybayan was so carried away by his dancing that he made seven turns instead of one and fell to the ground.

Agyu interpreted this to mean that Baybayan would not be going up to heaven with them. He had his own mission—to stay on the earth and create his own community here. "You will have to first encircle the earth, walking down the seashore seven times before going to a place specially prepared for you. The meat you have kept will be preserved and you will share it with your disciples. Gather as many followers as you can and when you have accomplished your task you too will be ascended."

Kibahinay, a seamstress and embroiderer, kept on sewing during the meal. Every time she was given her share she would tell them to just put it aside and continued sewing. Hence she was not cleansed and therefore unqualified to be immortalized. The seamstress was left behind. During the immortalization period all the evil spirits were unleashed and many witches, and devils roamed around the place devouring what they saw. To protect Kibahinay from the witches the people covered her with rocks. (A rock is still there in the same location and bleeds every month during Kibahinay's menstrual period.)

(To be continued next Sunday)

Orphans get gifts

SUPER Bowl of China's recent outreach program benefited 40 underprivileged kids in the Reception and Study Center for Children in Quezon City.

Members of Super Bowl of China's board of directors Richmond Yang, Luigi Vera Jr. and Robert Epes, together with their families, led the gift-giving. The restaurant's staff organized games and entertainment numbers. Also featured was "Tanuning, the Magician."

Between Dec. 9 to Jan. 6, the Super Bowl of China conducted another outreach project, the Fortune Cookies for a Cause. Proceeds from sales of the special fortune cookies at P5 apiece went to the Pamulaan Lumad Learning Center in Davao. They will be used to buy books, instructional materials and computers for underprivileged students in the province.

Super Bowl of China opened recently its Gateway branch in Araneta Center, Cubao. Other branches are at the Megastrip, SM Megamall; Jupiter Street, Makati City; Glorietta 4, Ayala Center; Chefs Avenue, Festival Mall, Alabang; 2/L SM City North Edsa; Eastwood City Walk 2, Libis; G/F SM City Fairview; and The Promenade, Greenhills, San Juan.

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BY ROBERT WONG

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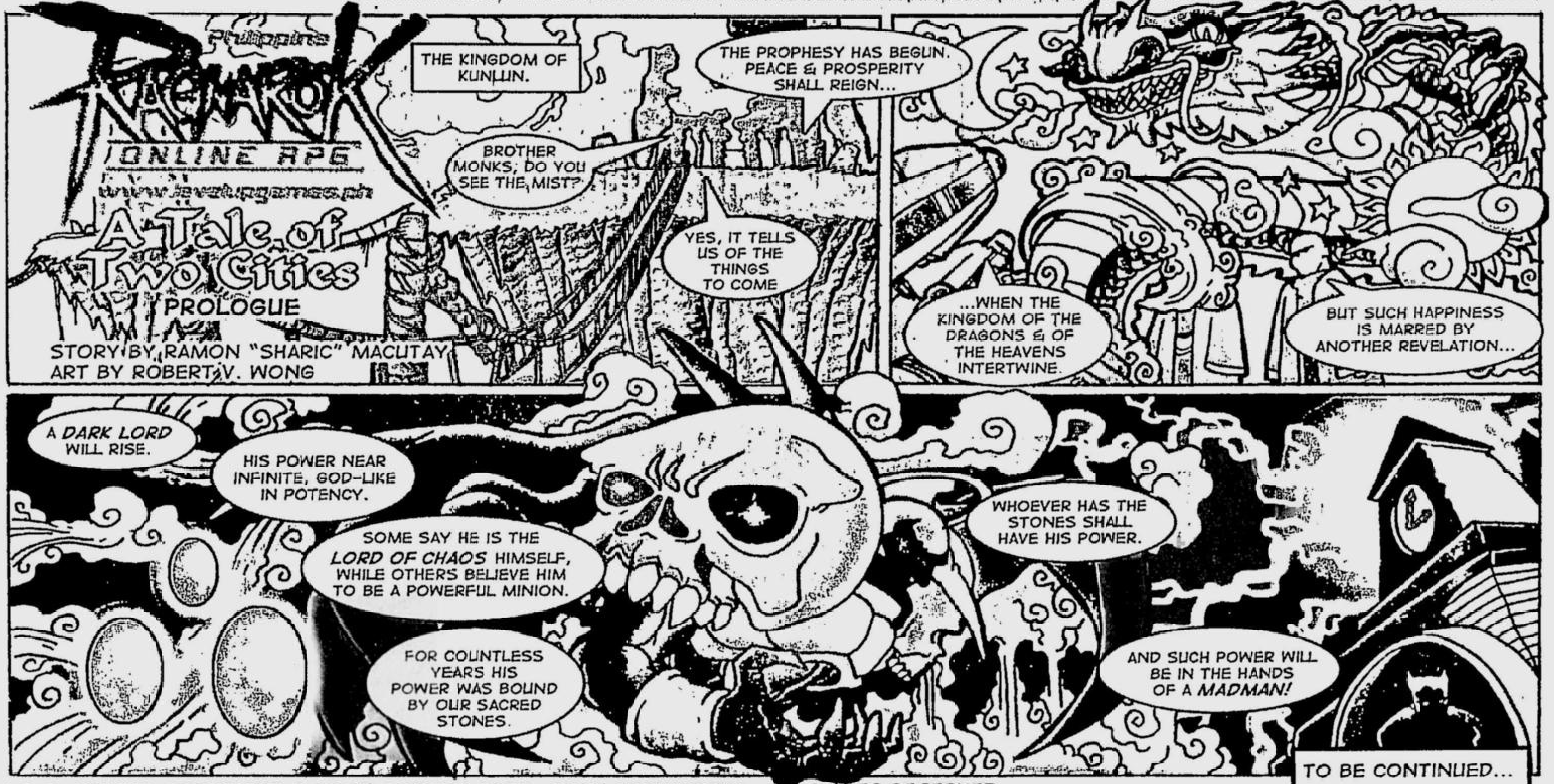
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THE PROPHESY HAS BEGUN. PEACE & PROSPERITY SHALL REIGN...
YES, IT TELLS US OF THE THINGS TO COME
...WHEN THE KINGDOM OF THE DRAGONS & OF THE HEAVENS INTERTWINE.
BUT SUCH HAPPINESS IS MARRED BY ANOTHER REVELATION...
A DARK LORD WILL RISE.
HIS POWER NEAR INFINITE, GOD-LIKE IN POTENCY.
SOME SAY HE IS THE LORD OF CHAOS HIMSELF, WHILE OTHERS BELIEVE HIM TO BE A POWERFUL MINION.
FOR COUNTLESS YEARS HIS POWER WAS BOUND BY OUR SACRED STONES.
WHOEVER HAS THE STONES SHALL HAVE HIS POWER.
AND SUCH POWER WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF A MADMAN!
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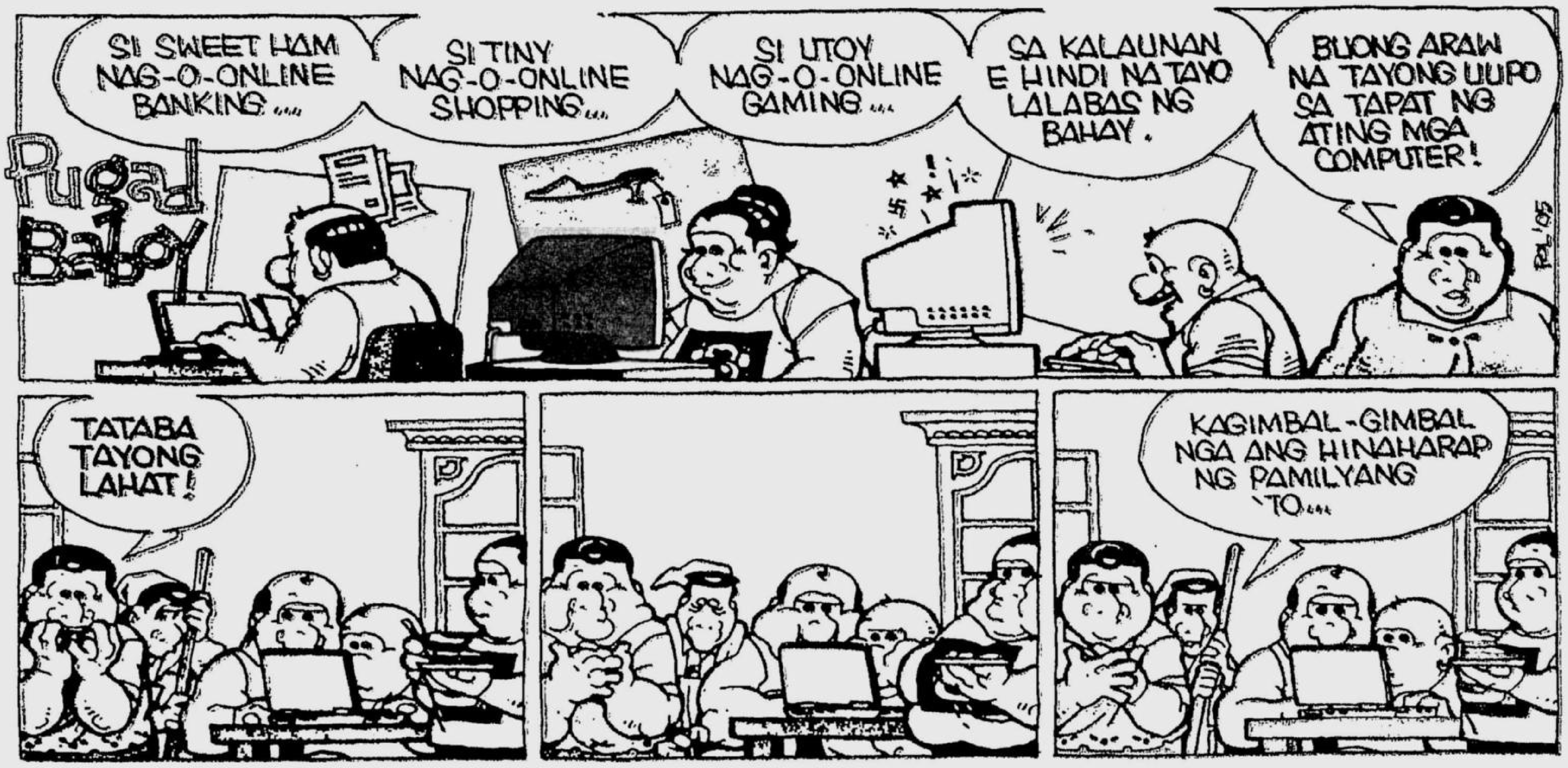
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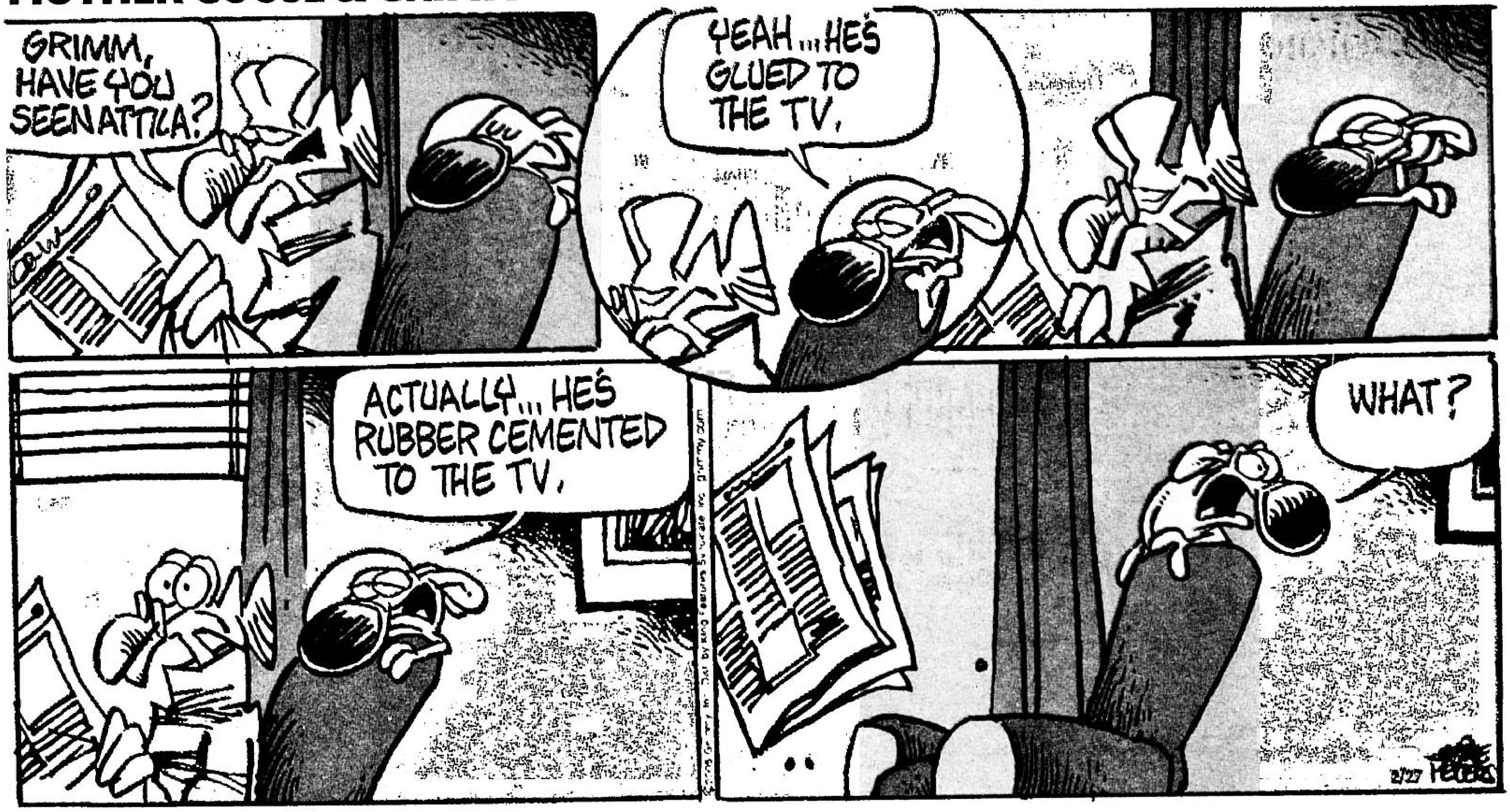
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


GRIMM, HAVE YOU SEEN ATTILA?
YEAH... HE'S GLUED TO THE TV.
ACTUALLY... HE'S RUBBER CEMENTED TO THE TV.
WHAT?
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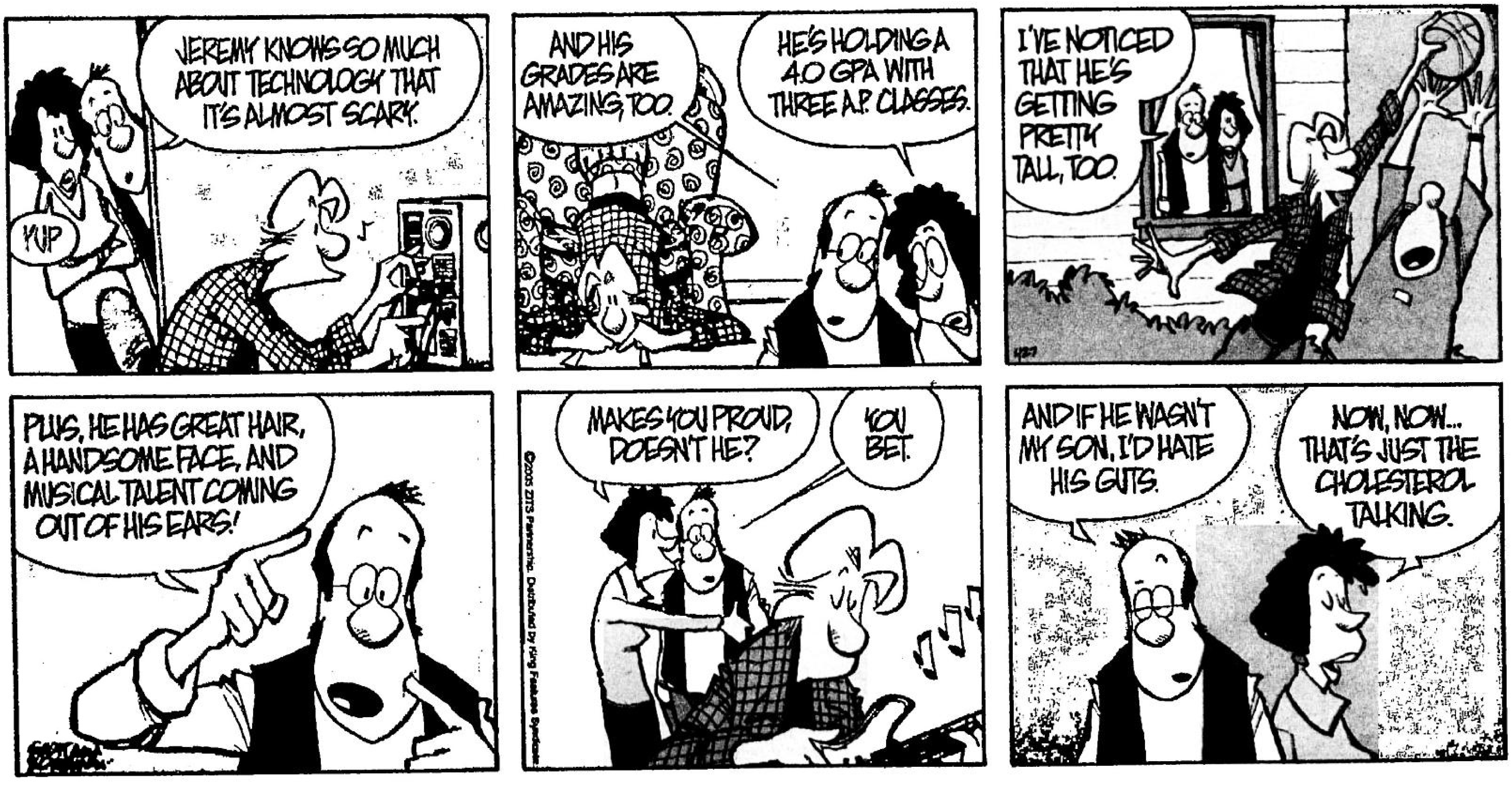
BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN


JEREMY KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT TECHNOLOGY THAT IT'S ALMOST SCARY.
YUP
AND HIS GRADES ARE AMAZING, TOO.
HE'S HOLDING A 4.0 GPA WITH THREE A.P. CLASSES.
I'VE NOTICED THAT HE'S GETTING PRETTY TALL, TOO.
PLUS, HE HAS GREAT HAIR, A HANDSOME FACE, AND MUSICAL TALENT COMING OUT OF HIS EARS!
MAKES YOU PROUD, DOESN'T HE?
YOU BET.
AND IF HE WASN'T MY SON, I'D HATE HIS GUTS.
NOW, NOW... THAT'S JUST THE CHOLESTEROL TALKING.

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INDAY WANDA

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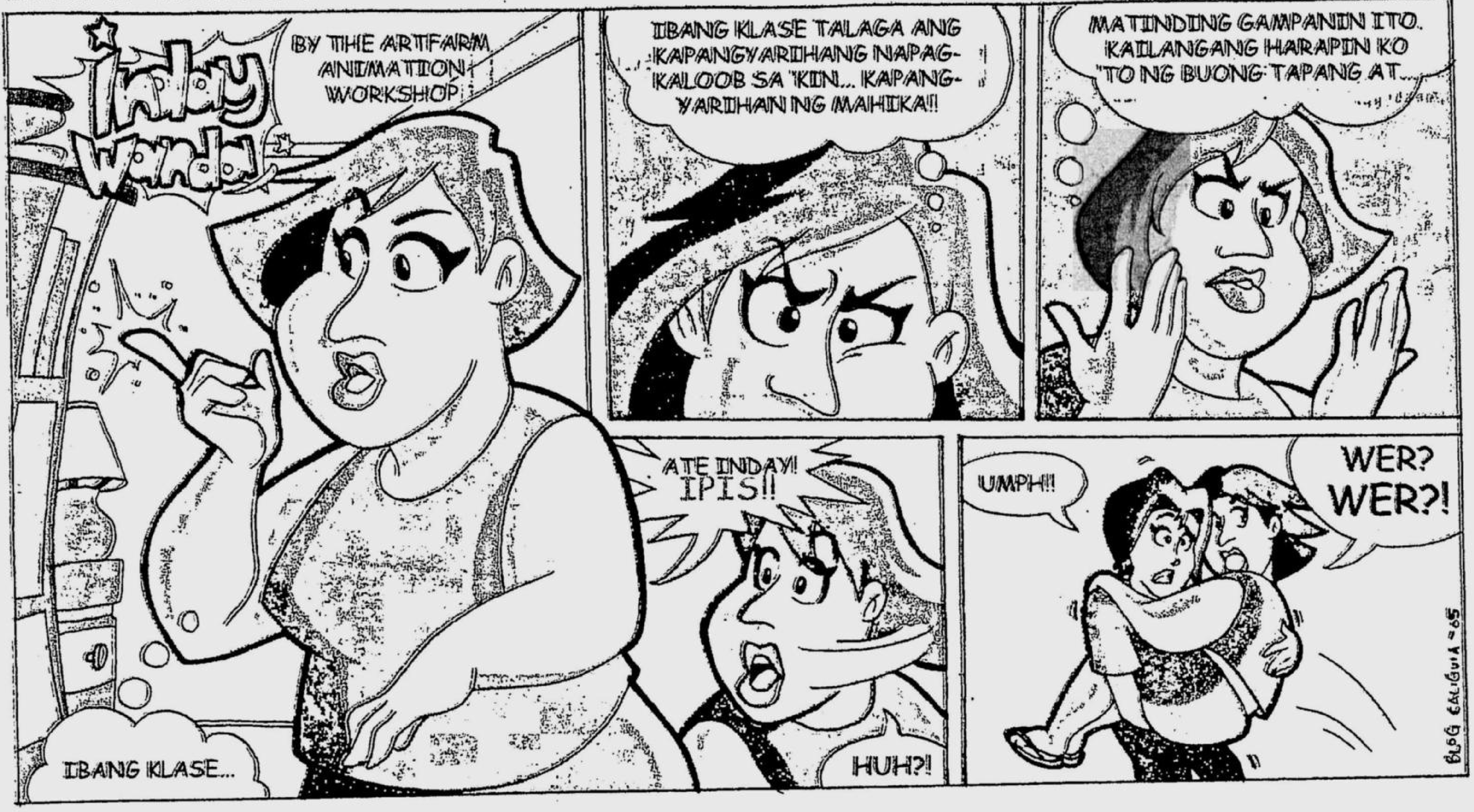
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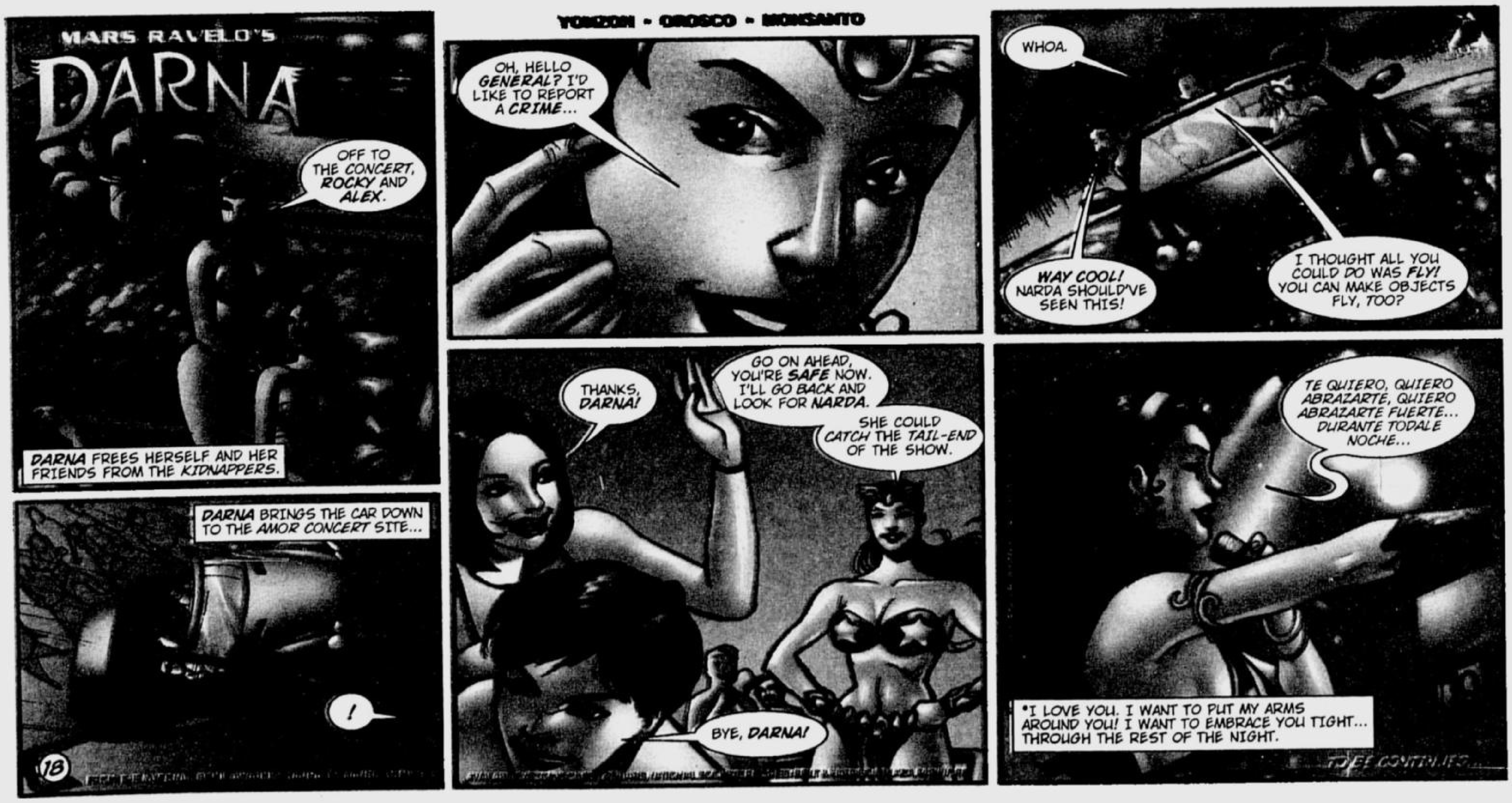
BY MANGO COMICS


MARS RAVELO'S DARNA
YONZON - OROSCO - MONSANTO
OFF TO THE CONCERT, ROCKY AND ALEX.
DARNA FREES HERSELF AND HER FRIENDS FROM THE KIDNAPPERS.
DARNA BRINGS THE CAR DOWN TO THE AMOR CONCERT SITE...
!
18
WHOA.
WAY COOL! NARDA SHOULD'VE SEEN THIS!
I THOUGHT ALL YOU COULD DO WAS FLY! YOU CAN MAKE OBJECTS FLY, TOO?
OH, HELLO GENERAL? I'D LIKE TO REPORT A CRIME...
THANKS, DARNA!
GO ON AHEAD, YOU'RE SAFE NOW. I'LL GO BACK AND LOOK FOR NARDA.
SHE COULD CATCH THE TAIL-END OF THE SHOW.
BYE, DARNA!
TE QUIERO, QUIERO ABRAZARTE, QUIERO ABRAZARTE FUERTE... DURANTE TODALE NOCHE...
*I LOVE YOU. I WANT TO PUT MY ARMS AROUND YOU! I WANT TO EMBRACE YOU TIGHT... THROUGH THE REST OF THE NIGHT.
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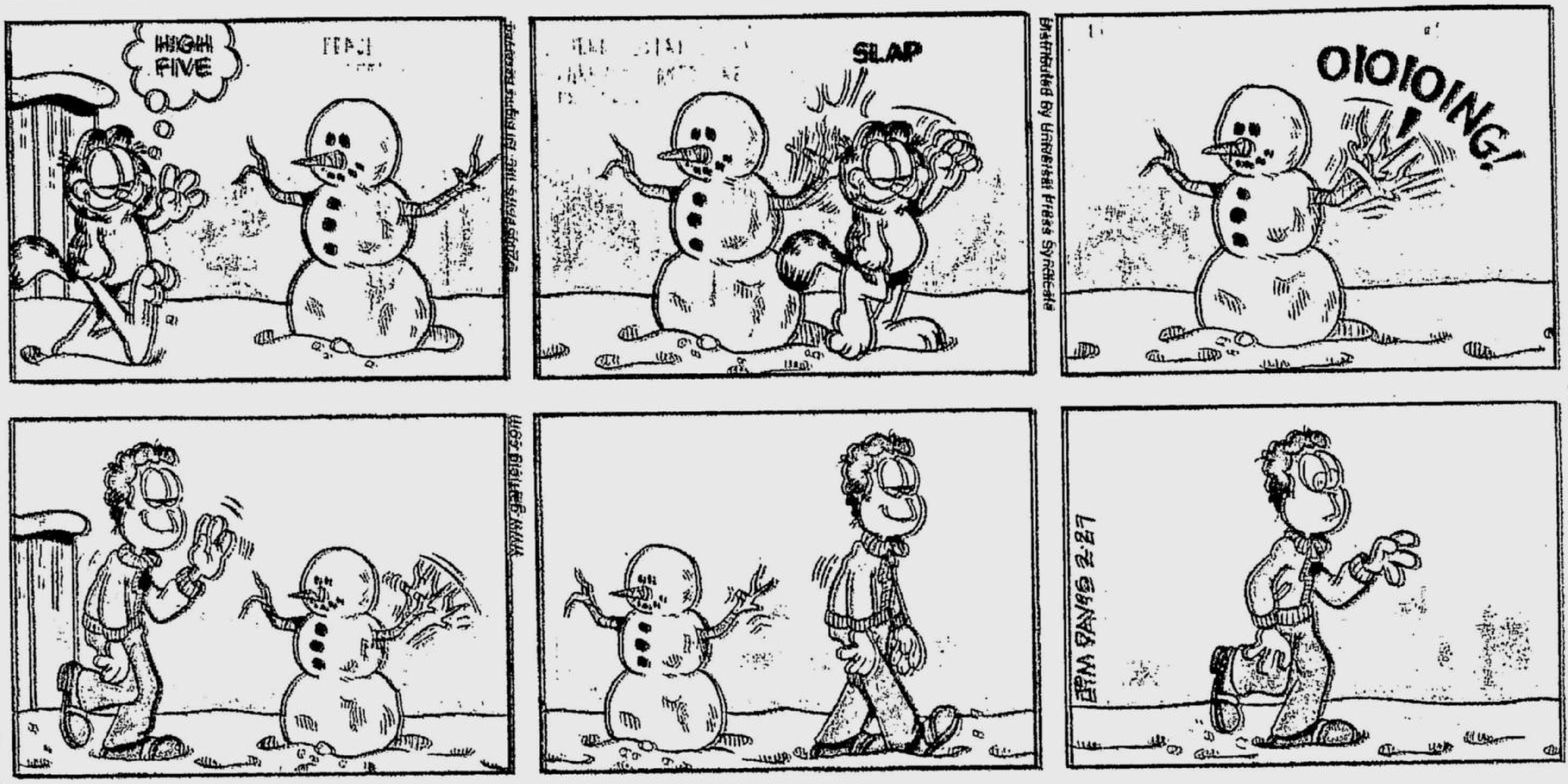
A. FOLD OUT AT CENTER TO GET THE BIG PICTURE

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS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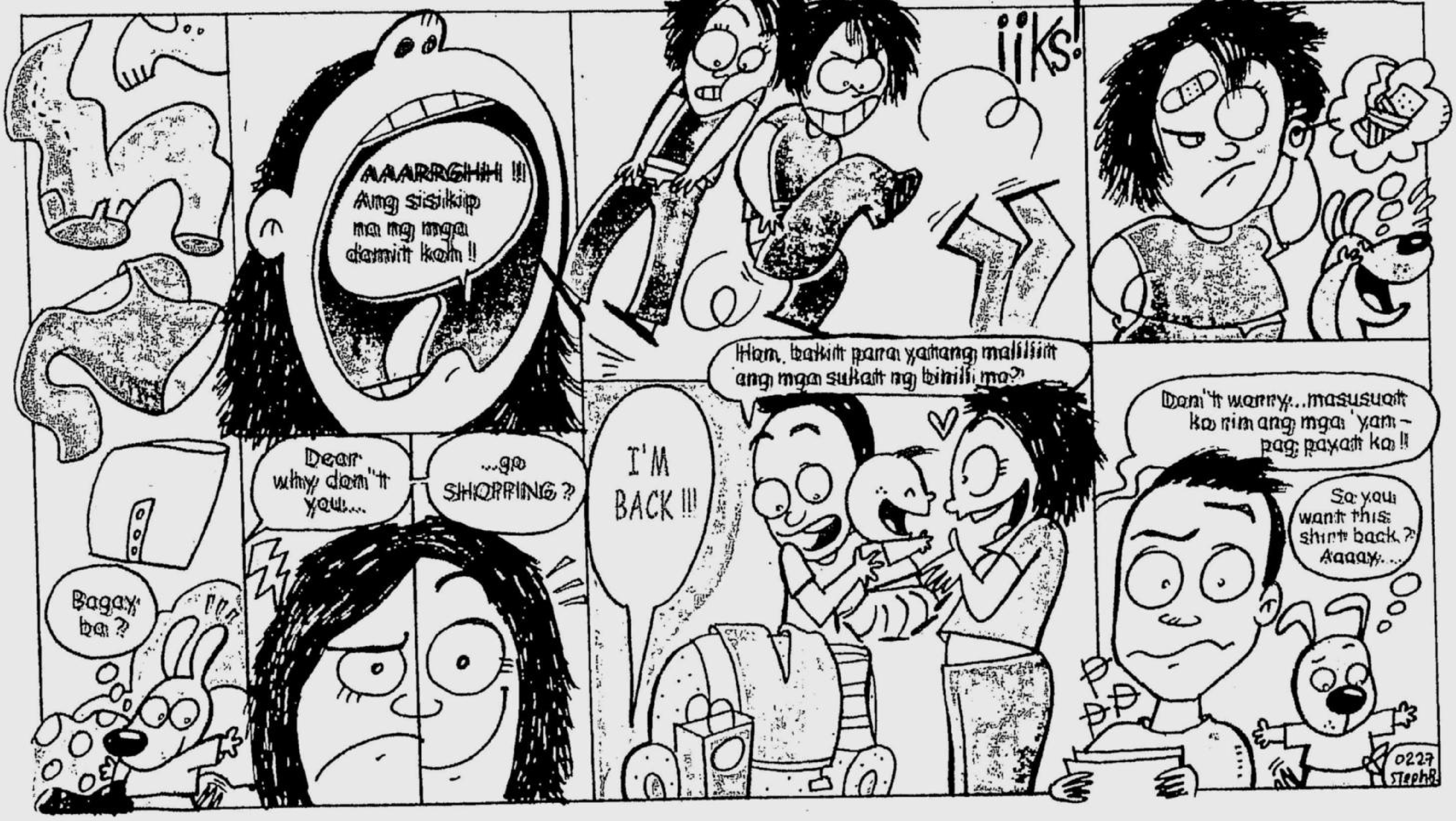
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¡¡KS!
Hm, bakit parang yatang maliliit ang mga sukat ng binili mo?
Don't worry...masusuot ko rin ang mga 'yan-pag payat ko !!
Bagay ba ?
Dear why don't you...
...go SHOPPING ?
I'M BACK !!!
So you want this shirt back ?
Aaaay...
0227 StephB.

B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

THE 16TH GINTONG ILAWAN REGIONAL AWARDEES: Sr. Lourdes Dulay, Region I, St. Augustine's School, Ilocos Sur; Olivia Pasicolan, Region 2, University of St. Louis, Tuguegarao; Presentacion Bartolo, CAR, St. Tonis College Inc., Kalinga; Ma. Marvi Mendoza, Region 3, General de Jesus College, Nueva Ecija; Violeta Cariño, Calabarzon, Magis Young Achievers' Learning Center, Antipolo; Elena Maralit, Mimaropa, Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy, Oriental Mindoro; Rosalinda Barquez, Region 5, Aquinas University Science High School, Legazpi; Delia Lasco, Region 7, Holy Cross Academy, Bohol; Mo. Gemma Silverio, Region 8, MSH Sisters Academy, Eastern Samar; Elnora Perez, Region 9, Pilar College, Zamboanga; Donna Chaves, Region 10, Angelicum Learning Center, Cagayan de Oro; Rogena Braganza, Region 11, Thompson Christian School, Comval Province; Alma Hordista, Region 12, Notre Dame of Dadiangas College-Integrated Basic Education Department; Joanna Lee Caseñas, Caraga, Buenavista Institute, Agusan del Norte; Loureli Siy, NCR, University of Perpetual Help, Las Piñas; and national winner Ma. Helena Desiree Terre.

GINTONG Ilawan grand prize winner Ma. Helena Desiree Terre, Region 6, Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, Iloilo

Out-of-the-box teacher

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

FOR MA. Helena Desiree M. Terre, national winner of Gintong Ilawan-The Teodora Alonzo Educator's Award, recognizing educators in these times when the education sector is facing flak for many issues—low student performance, ill-prepared graduates, unemployment, low productivity in business and industry, and even corruption in government—is most welcome.

"Gintong Ilawan acknowledges the integral role of women in the education of our country's future leaders. The award appreciates the 'best' in me as principal. It inspires me because it generates in me to work for *esprit de corps*, partnership and teamwork within my school and among other schools in my region and in the entire Philippines through my fellow regional winners. This affirmation renews my passionate commitment for Philippine education and sparks hope for a new and better Filipino," says Terre.

Gintong Ilawan-The Teodora Alonzo Educator's Award was launched in 1989 by Avon and the then Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

Given to female public school principals in the elementary and secondary levels, the award is dedicated to Doña Teodora Alonzo, mother and first teacher of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. In 2000, Gintong Ilawan was expanded to include the private school sector.

Multiple intelligence

A principal of Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus in Iloilo for three years now, Terre was the school's assistant principal for 24 years.

A few years back, she recalls, the St. Louise de Marillac Educational System of the Daughters of Charity reviewed the school's vision-mission. When the plural needs of students with differing learning abilities, socio-economic status and family backgrounds was discussed, Terre thought of ways to improve their self-esteem, morale and self-confidence.

Having studied Howard Gardner's concept of Multiple Intelligence (MI), Terre proposed a multiple intelligence enhancement program for the school called MI Schematic Web in 2000. Developed by each subject teacher, the MI Schematic Web presents a repertoire of modes, which help nurture the eight MIs in each subject.

"I believe that every subject discipline should strive tor the enhancement of all the intelligences. Conversely, a Math teacher should not only develop the mathematical-logical intelligence but should develop linguistics, spatial, interpersonal, intrapersonal, kinesthetic, musical and natural intelligences as well.

"Corollary to this, the Student Activity Program is also MI-based, offering clubs that promote the multiple intelligences. Even our awards are MI-cognizant," says Terre.

"As far as the parents are concerned, they are also excited about it because they see that their children have improved a lot."

The MI Enhancement Program is only one of the innovations adopted by Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus "so its high school students will be able to meet the demands of the new world."

The school employs computer-assisted instruction and a special reading program. Mandarin courses are also offered. The Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship program has helped students learn financial management, business ethics, socio-civic consciousness.

Passionate educator

Terre started teaching in 1977 after finishing BS Chemistry at the University of Iloilo. When her husband Ray died in 1997, she took up a master's course in Education at the University of Iloilo. She recently finished her doctorate in Management.

She remembers being in kindergarten when she thought of becoming a teacher.

"I don't know if I was made to memorize that or if it came from my heart. For a while, I forgot about such dream. It was when I started to teach that my love for teaching was rekindled. Teachers' salaries are not high, but the feeling that you did your best and the children learned much from you is the best reward."

Being a single parent to Aris Ray (27), Princess Rae (24), Ray Lucky (19), Cedric Ray (18), Ray Dominique (11) and Reddick Ray (9) since her husband died has been a great challenge to Terre. But being a school principal is even greater.

"When you're a mom you want the best for your children so I carry that over to the school because in school we are the parents of students. Parents entrust their kids to us so I always asked myself if we are giving the best for them. Leading them to discover and hone their various gifts and potentials so they may attain their utmost best makes me fulfilled."

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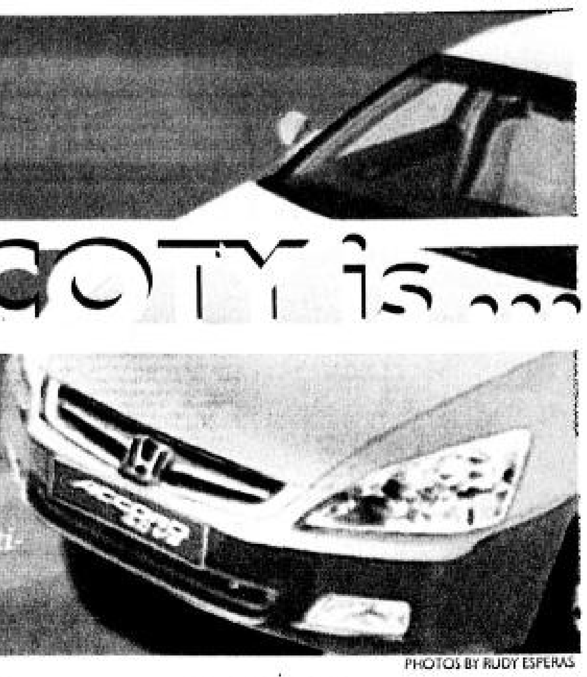

And the COTY is ...

By Charles E. Buban

We have the American, European, Japanese, and even a World "Car of the Year" awards, yet there's never been a Philippine version of this prestigious automotive title. Until now.

And the inaugural winner?

PHOTOS BY RUDY ESPERAS

FOR the country's motoring media, the task is similar to encountering a crate of premium champagne and the group is supposed to pick only one: the best bottle.

As judges, the more than 40 motoring media from different publications and television networks voted using objective and emqtional criteria; the "wow" factor as well as value for money consideration.

For the group, the winner also had to have that element of surprise—something that would made them sit up and take notice.

Out of 56 vehicles that were tested last year at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Cavite, 10 cars came out winners in their respective categories: Hyundai Starex (Best Van-People Carrier), Mitsubishi Adventure (Best Asian Utility Vehicle), Ford Ranger (Best Pickup), Toyota Vios (Best Super Mini), Nissan X-Trail (Best Light Sports Utility Vehicle), Chevrolet Trailblazer (Best Full-size SUV), Volvo S80 (Best Luxury Sedan), BMW 745Li (Best Ultra Luxury Sedan), Honda Accord (Best Executive Sedan), Ford Lynx (Best Sports Compact), and Mazda 3 (Media Choice Award).

Out of these winners, it was the 3-liter V6 Honda Accord that took the cake, emerging as the 2004 Philippine Car of the Year in last Thursday awards night held at the Rockwell Tent in Makati City.

Closely matched

According to Armin Amio, president of Car Awards Group Inc. (Cagi)—the organization behind the—awards, the mid-size sedan closely matched the judges' wildly diverging tastes, desires and preferences.

She reported that the judges were impressed about the Accord's superb acceleration and braking prowess during the test.

She added that with the Accord's sublime mix of assured predictable handling, road holding and refined ride quality, this P1.6-million sedan definitely gave other sports sedans costing twice as much a run for their money.

Extremely honored

"We are extremely honored that the Accord was selected for the Philippine Car of the Year Award and Best Executive Sedan Award from among an equally deserving roster of nominees," said Arnel Doria, Honda Cars Philippines marketing deputy head.

CAR AWARDS Group president Armin Amio

He added that the awards was a recognition of the efforts of its suppliers, development and production teams and the many people who have lent their dedicated support to Honda in the development of the Accord.

The latest Accord, introduced last October, is powered by a 3.0-liter SOHC VTEC six and mated to a five-speed automatic transmission with electronic throttle control, producing 240 ps peak horsepower at 6250 rpm and 29.3 kg-m/5,000 rpm maximum torque.

Honda obviously designed the latest Accord's chassis with riding comfort rather than sporty han-

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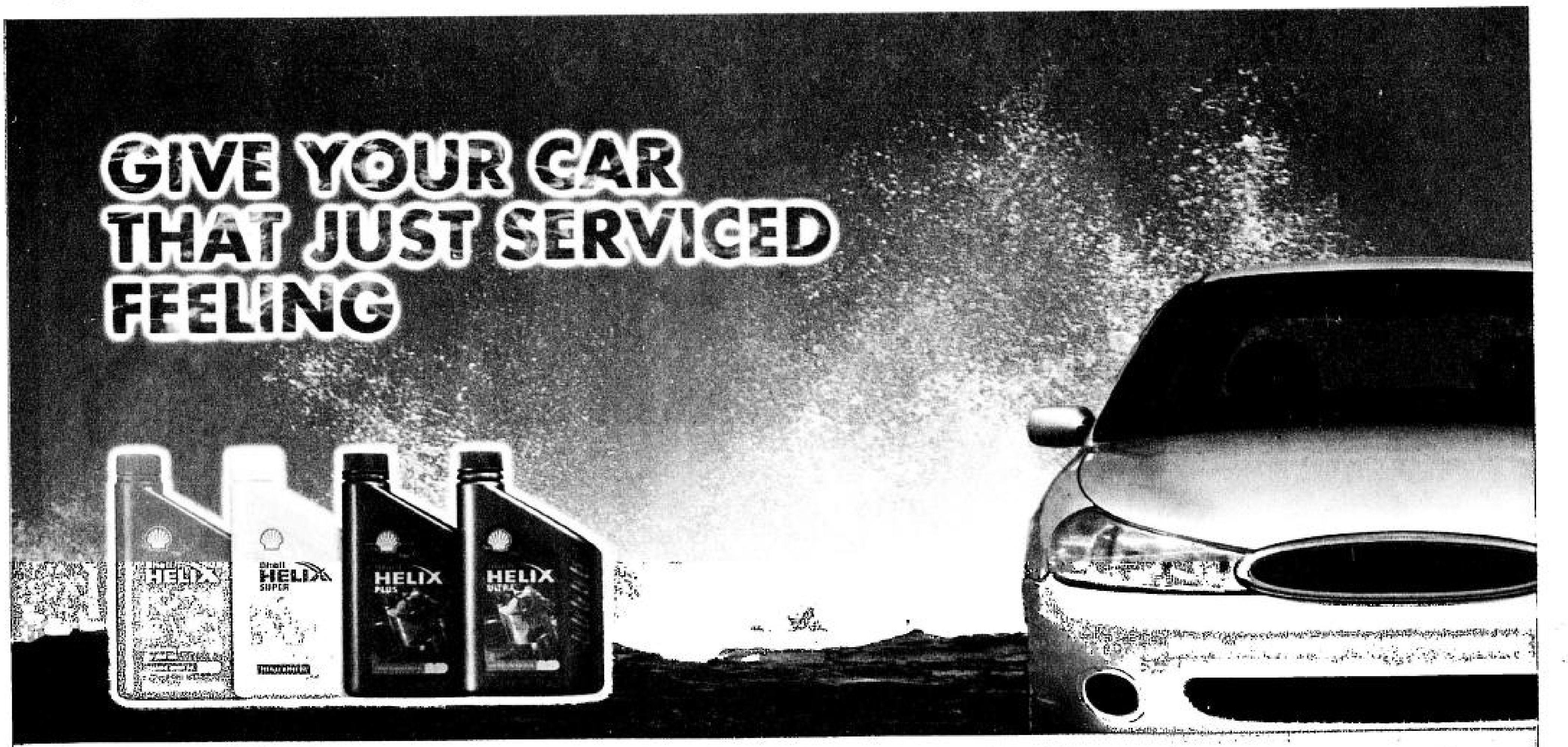

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(Best Ultra Luxury Sedan),

Honda Accord
(Best Executive Sedan),

Ford Lynx
(Best Sports Compact),

Mazda 3
(Media Choice Awardee)

CAR of THE YEAR

DOTC Undersecretary Ricardo Alfonso Jr (left) congratulates Honda Cars Philippines' Arnel Doria and Gabby Peren

BEST LUXURY SUV
OF THE YEAR

VOLVO Philippines' lawyer Albert Arcilla with Inquirer's Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

C! MAGAZINE'S Tito Hermoso (left) and Avantgarde Magazine's Alvin Uy (right) present an award to Mitsubishi Motors Philippines' Froy Dytianquin

CATS Motors' Felix Ang receives his special participation award

Special Awards

Volvo XC90 T6 ***Best in Safety Package***
Kia Picanto ***Best Value for Money***
Mazda 3 ***Best Over-all Design***

Isuzu Philippines Corp. ***Best Marketing Campaign (for their Isuzu Crosswind XUVi product)***
BMW 745Li ***Best in Technical Innovation***
Cats Motors, Inc. ***Special Participation Award (for its Mercedes Benz SLK 350 entry)***

CAR of the YEAR
IN MARKETING
AMPAIGN

MAZDA'S Tonette Lee (2nd from left) is joined by Inquirer's Tessa Salazar, motioncars.com's Ulysses Ang and Isuzu Philippines' Art Balmadrid

TIME for 'Ignition', as Luke warms an appreciative crowd up.

CAR of the YEAR
MEDIA CHOICE
OF THE YEAR
February 24, 20

DOTC Assistant Secretary and LTO NCR chief Reynaldo Berroya joins Mazda awardees Dave Macasadia and Tonette Lee.

'THIS is the Moment,' croons Raymond Gorospe

And the Coty is

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dling and cornering ability uppermost in mind.

Special awards

Special awards were also given during the awards night.

The Volvo XC90 T6 was cited best in safety package, Kia Picanto for its value for money, Mazda 3 for over-all design, Isuzu Philippines Corp for its marketing campaign of their Isuzu Crosswind XUVi product, BMW 745Li for the car's technical innovation.

Cats Motors Inc was given a special participation award for its Mercedes Benz SLK 350 entry during the Dec. 1 test drive in Cavite.

Honor vehicles

The Philippine Coty awards was developed to honor vehicles that set new standards in their segments in areas such as ride and handling, features, innovation, safety, value for money and affordability.

The nominees competed against all the vehicles in their segments, not just other nominees.

The results of the six weekends of instrumental/quantitative and qualitative tests in Cavite are in the care of auditing firm Sycip, Gorres and Velayo.

Currently available

To be eligible, the vehicle entry must be currently available in the Philippine market.

A control group made up of seven testers will handle the qualitative testing for zero to 100 kph to zero, fuel efficiency, and cabin noise.

As for the qualitative test, the Cagi members were given test sheets containing guide parameters concerning innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for money.

Testers rated each parameter using a one to nine scale (with nine being the highest).

The results of All votes, tallied by SGV, were only released during the awards night.

Supporting Cagi are the Automobile Association of the Philippines (formerly Philippine Motor Association), Worldbex (The Manila Motor Show), The Rockwell Power Plant, Standard Insurance, Manila North Tollways Corp, Caltex Philippines Inc, Bosch Philippines, Reebok, Bridgestone Tires, Auto Depot Ortigas, Coltrans and Ralph's Liquor, and Hizon Banquet Service.

Cagi is a non-stock, non-profit organization of motoring media with a vision of instituting a cumulative voice in setting new standards for the automotive industry.

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THE YEAR

TOYOTA Motor Philippines' Raymond Rodriguez and ANC's Gene Orejana

BMW Philippines' David Blue (left) with Manila Bulletin's Aris Ilagan

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Start of Haier's new journey for global competition

WORLD-class brand requires world-class products. It is a great progress for Haier to move products to foreign countries.

Haier, now on its 20th year in the white line business, has attached significance to innovation and self-dependence in the changing environment of increasingly fierce competition, and, from an ailing factory, becomes a transnational group. Haier has also made significant success in brand and global marketing.

Haier's ambition and the painstaking efforts over the past 20 years indicate that the difference between Haier and any other Chinese enterprise lies in endeavors of business globalization and worldwide brand building. In fact, Haier is the Top 95 on the World's Most Recognizable Brands making it the first nominee among the Chinese brands.

Haier's first step to achieve the goal is to change product manufactured into demand stimulation. However, world-class manufacturing cannot be equated to one factory capable of global distribution.

At the 20th anniversary of Haier, it announced the commencement of its new logo, indicating the start of its new journey for implementation of the globalization strategy. With the new logo but unchanged letters, this indicates that Haier's 20-year corporate culture will continue to develop. The new logo compromises Haier's high spirit in the new phase of business development, progression directly to a fixed goal and never turn back.

The soul of Haier's new logo is to demonstrate its ambition to create maximum value for customers. In addition, the greater significance of Haier's new logo is to encourage all its customers to diversify and enrich the implication behind it with the value it creates for the customers.

Haier has been duly certified by international standards of quality, and performance like ISO14001, ISO9001, CE, GS, CSA, EMC, TUV Rhenland, JIS, SAA, CCEE, CETL AND CB. Here in the Philippines, it has obtained the ICC mark by Philippine Bureau of Product Standards (BPS).

Haier was last year National Consumers Quality awardee as the Top Refrigerator & Freezer Brand and an awardee for the Annual Asia Pacific Excellence Awards to be the Most Outstanding Refrigerator Brand. This year, Haier will be awarded as the 2005 Top Refrigerator & Freezer brand on the forthcoming National Consumers Quality Awards making Haier as the Hall of Famer for this Category.

Haier products are exclusively distributed by Continental Sales Inc, a subsidiary fully owned by the LKG Group and available in all leading and major appliance stores nationwide. For more product inquiries and after sales service, please call 362-5886/87 or 89 and 363-7193 and 366-3124.

HOPE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE RECEIVES AWARD FROM GMA

Multi Link Apparel Corp was recently awarded the Golden Shell Award for Design Excellence. Receiving the award from President GMA are Willie S. Lim It Quon (president), Elfil V. Lim (VP, finance) and Hazel C. Hong (VP, design and product development). Hazel C. Hong (fourth from left) is a graduate of Hope Christian High School (Quintessence 1988).

MEDOCARE FOR MERALCO

Medocare Health Systems Inc recently signed a 2-year contract with Manila Electric Company (Meralco) to provide healthcare coverage for about 30,000 dependents of active rank and file employees as well as retirees and their dependents. The benefits include preventive healthcare, inpatient care, out-patient care and emergency care. Shown signing the agreement are Leonisa de la Llana, Meralco first vice president and head, HR and corporate services and Col. Esteban Balingit Uy Jr, Medocare chair and CEO. Looking on are Medocare and Meralco officials among them are (seated, from left): Bernadette Vasquez, Meralco SAVP and head, procurement; Lucito Santos, Meralco VP and head, corporate logistics office; Ruben Sapitula, Meralco SAVP and head, HR admin; and German Zapanta, Medocare EVP and GM. Standing as witnesses are (from left): Dr. Leah Uy-Yolo, Medocare VP-deputy medical director; Ferdinand Victoria, Meralco head, employee services; Dr. Angelito Obillo, Meralco medical director; Gen. Enrique Cuadra, Medocare consultant; lawyer Abraham Elamparo, Medocare VP and corporate secretary for legal affairs; Gen. Wilfredo Cruz, Medocare consultant; Gregorio Figueroa Jr, Meralco head, fringe benefits office/HR admin; Dr. Eugene Sagcal, Medocare VP-medical director; Lawrence David, Meralco procurement engineer; Rosauro Pestaño, Medocare VP-operations; and Nelson Somo, Medocare VP-marketing and sales.

Enjoyable community events end a productive 2004 at Ayala Westgrove Heights

THE LAST few months of 2004 were especially memorable to the Ayala Westgrove Heights community. The high-end subdivision amidst the hills and groves brought a taste of the good life to existing and potential new residents, with a number of commerce and art-oriented events that catered to community growth and cultivation. Ayala Westgrove Heights became a venue that encouraged creativity and precious interaction.

A memorable showcase of musical artistry ushered in an early holiday season with the "Christmas Cards and Carols" event, held at the development's Kidsgrove Clubhouse. The concert featured the music of the Metro Manila Community Orchestra and the UP Vocal Ensemble. Visitors and residents were also able to create their own Christmas cards during the festive occasion.

Ayala Westgrove Heights hosted a successful pre-Christmas bazaar last Oct. 16 and 17. Due to insistent public demand and a huge turnout, another two-day bazaar was held last Dec. 11 and 12. There were over 40 merchants who participated during each weekend tiangge, which allowed shoppers a wide range of superb yuletide gift and food choices. Special fund-raising activities were also held for various programs of Ayala Westgrove Heights and other participating organizations.

Several new gatherings can be expected for 2005, as more memorable celebrations are slated to bring excitement to future homeowners and longtime community members.

The exceptionally peaceful and secure Ayala Westgrove Heights merges an enchanting, nature-rich setting with modern facilities that make living in this distinct subdivision a daily escape from city life. The current construction on the Alabang Viaduct will make the sophisticated development more easily accessible, and enhance land values in and around the area. Now is definitely the time to consider purchasing, and invest in a future that caters to your every residential need.

For further details on the community amidst the hills and groves, please call 848-5000. You may also log on to www.ayalaland.com.ph or email ayala-sales@ayalaland.com.ph.

The 6th Jaguar-Land Rover Golf Invitational

IT'S full steam ahead for the 6th Jaguar-Land Rover Golf Invitational at the Sta Elena Golf and Country Club on March 7 to 10, as major corporations have signed up to sponsor this year's much awaited golfing event.

A field of 200 elite Jaguar owners, close associates and guest VIP's from the Business, Government and Media sectors are expected to test each other's mettle at the greens for an opportunity to represent the country in Glen Eagles, Scotland in the Jaguar World Golf. The Champion team will be flown to Scotland via KLM-Air France, the official carrier of the 6th Jaguar-Land Rover Golf Invitational. A brand new Jaguar X-Type awaits the lucky golfer who will score the Hole-in-One prize, courtesy of MAA Assurance Philippines Inc.

Shown in the succeeding photos during the formal sponsorship signing agreement for the Jaguar-Land Rover Golf Invitational are (from left) executives from MAA Insurance, Lucerne Jewelers and Gerald, Genta & Daniel Roth with Wellington Soong, chair and president of Jaguar-Land Rover Philippines and Marc Louis Soong, executive director of Jaguar-Land Rover Philippines. The company executives are: Daniel Go, president of MAA insurance, Jerome Andrew Garcia COO and Jessica M. Innocencio, assistant manager of Gerald, Genta and Roth; Rita Acab, Marketing Manager of Lucerne Jewelers.

Other major sponsors are: Store Specialists (La Coste), Petron Corp, Globe Platinum, Philippine Allied Enterprises/Bridgestone, Intercontinental Hotel, MAA General Insurance Phils, Sony Phils, Maybank, Pepsi Cola, EXO Armoring, Ten Knots Development Corp/El Nido Resorts, Ferrari-Maseratti Phils, Schering-Plough Corp, Diageo Phils, Unilever Phils, Bose, and Leisurecrafts Asia Inc.

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Int'l Women's Month

THE WOMEN and Gender Commission (WGC), in cooperation with the Kairos Lingkod Sining at Liturhiya (Ka-Lipaya) is staging an expressionistic theatre presentation entitled "Maria: Isang pasyon at iba pa" (A Lenten Reflection on Women). It is scheduled for viewing on March 1 and 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. (Matinee Show) and at 6 to 8 p.m. (Gala Show), to be held at the La Consolacion College, Mendiola, Manila. This project-for-a-cause is in line with the celebration of the International Women's Month (March 2005).

Job World 2005

SOME 5,000 jobseekers are expected to troop to the Galleria Trade Hall, Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City and match their skills and talents with some 50 exhibitor companies in The 2nd Job World 2005. It will be on March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Job World 2005 incorporates the 2nd Call Center Job Fair, where top call centers will offer job opportunities to the country's vast talent pool and the 2nd Job World 2005 Seminars. Exhibitors who want to participate in this grand job fair may contact Neotrade at 812-9099 or 893-7665 or e-mail at neotrade1@yahoo.com.

RITM 5th postgrad course

RESEARCH Institute for Tropical Medicine announces its 5th postgraduate course in tropical and infectious diseases with the theme, "Concepts, Controversies and Challenges" on March 16 to 18, at the RITM auditorium, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. This course is intended for government and private medical practitioner, residents, pediatricians, family medicine physicians, and internists. Early registration fee is P1,000 (until Feb. 28) and on-site registration is P1,200. For information, contact Nila Morante at 807-9603.

Decadas de Turismo

THE 4th year BS Tourism Students section 1,2,3 of Patts College of Aeronautics, Domestic Airport Road Pasay City are organizing a Grand Convention entitled Decadas de Turismo: A Venture to the Philippines' Finest Industry today, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Expo Exchange, 2/L Greenbelt 1, Paseo de Roxas Makati City. For inquiries contact 0922-3041892 and 0916-2387549 look for Maera and Donn.

VEET GIRL IS THE NEW IT GIRL

There will be a new face in the world of fashion and beauty this year. Meet 19-year old half Spanish, half Filipina Jessica Joyce Javellana – winner of the Veet Smooth and Sexy Femme Model Search. Being the ultimate Veet Smooth & Sexy Femme, Jessica won an exclusive modeling contract with Élan Models International (Phils). Photo shows Jessica signing her modeling contract with Cecille Laigo, president and general manager of Elan Models Int'l (Phils) and Tomas Tarcala, cluster marketing director of Reckitt Benckiser.

DREAM SATELLITE TV HOLDS SEX & THE CITY PARTY

Dream Satellite TV, the country's first and only satellite TV broadcasting company recently held an exclusive private screening and cocktail party of the much-awaited season finale of HBO's Sex & the City. The event, sponsored by Sky Vodka, Chivas Regal and Martel was showcased by a raffle of signature outfits and accessories from Manila's top fashion designers. Photo shows (from left) Barbie Pardo, Dream Satellite TV marketing manager; Janine Jayme, Dream Satellite TV marketing serivces; Yen Nee, HBO Asia Singapore; and Gerry Castro, Dream Satellite TV vice president for marketing, enjoying the evening's festivities.

APC student tops marketing search

ASIA Pacific College is proud to announce the inclusion of one of its students, Jacinto "Jay" R. Mendoza, in this year's top twenty-five management trainees as chosen by Markprof Foundation. Mendoza, a fourth-year BS Commerce major in Marketing and Advertising student finished 6th place overall. Jay's team of four won overall best marketing plan (about San Jose Home Improvement and Maintenance Center, Las Piñas and Parañaque), winning for them the P25,000 grand prize in this category. Jay was also a third placer in the Ist Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation's Young IT Entrepreneurs Award of 2004.

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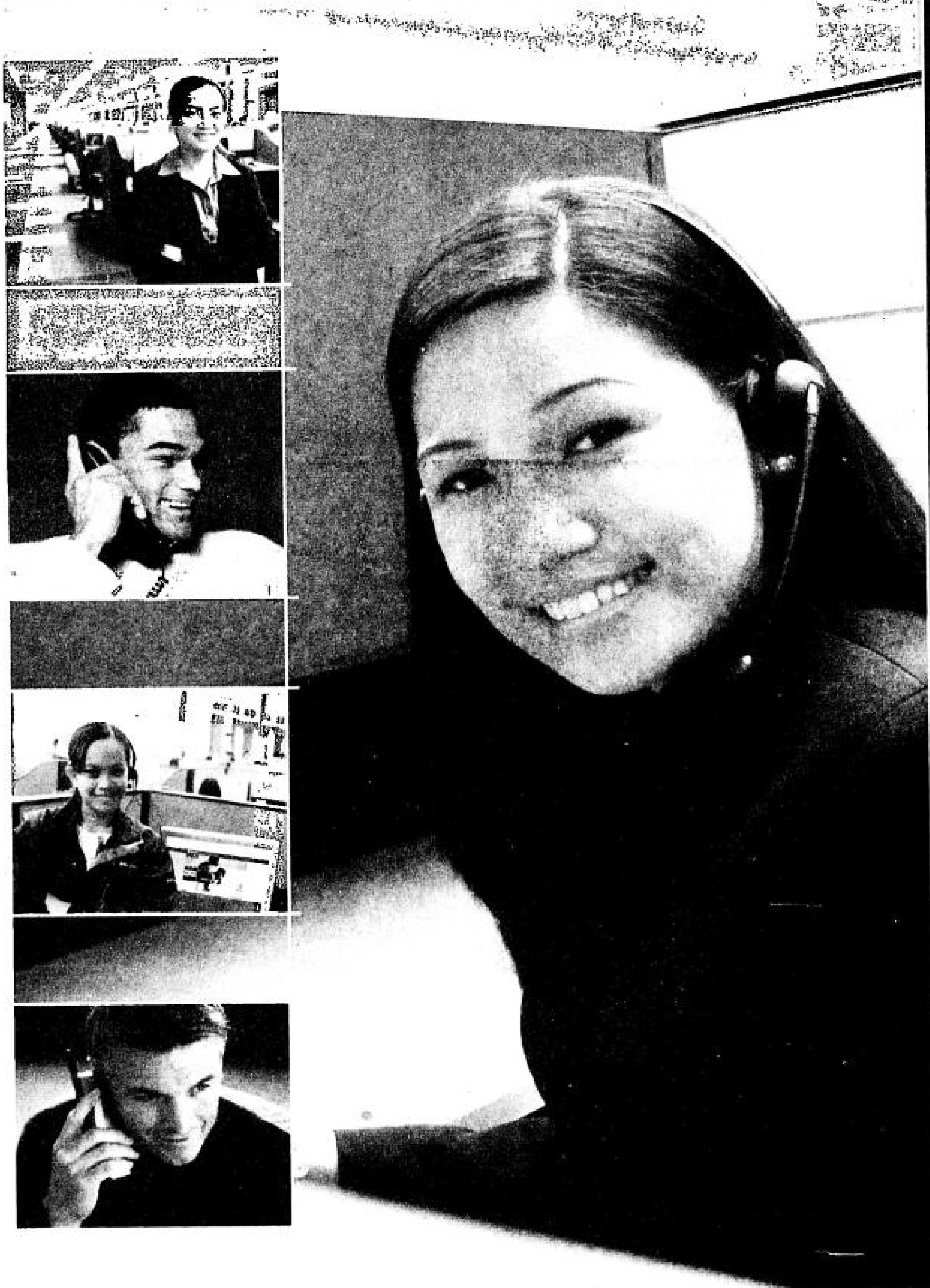

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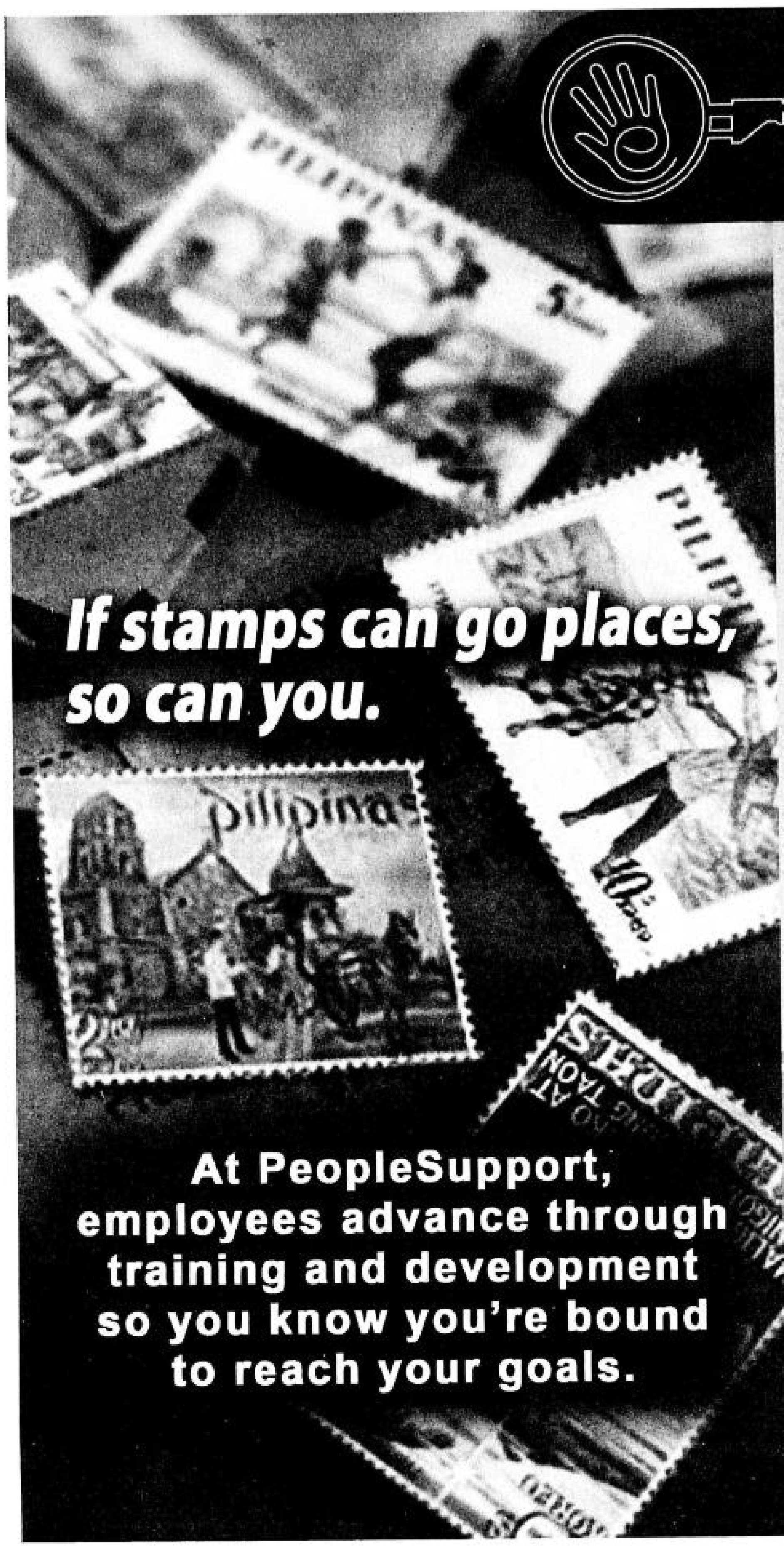

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POST TITLE : **Programme Associate**
ENTRY LEVEL : ICS7
OFFICE AND LOCATION : Empowerment of the Poor
UNDP Philippines in Manila
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT : Fixed-Term Appointment
(Position Number 00002676)

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Rapu-Rapu Processing Inc.

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Rapu-Rapu Processing Inc.

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Applicants should have previous experience in the operation of mineral processing circuits and equipment or similar, supervisory experience and be prepared to working on a continuous shift roster.

Applicants with experience in crushing, grinding, CIL and base metals flotation are particularly sought and applicants with professional qualifications in Metallurgical Engineering will be highly regarded.

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- Computer literate
- With driving skills and license
- With pleasing personality

Group Insurance Supervisor – Cebu City Branch

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- With driving skills and license
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- Between 23 – 27 years old
- Graduate of Computer Science or its equivalent course
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- Preferably (but not required) with knowledge in AS/400 operations as well as Crystal Proficient technical writing skills

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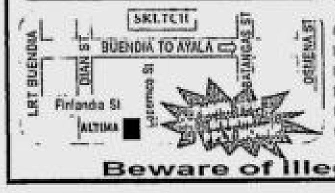

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- Will interact mainly with the frequent stayer program members of InterContinental Hotels Group from around the globe.
- Must be a graduate of a college degree.
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HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

- Must have a college degree in any of the following fields: Human Resources, Psychology, or related fields.
- Must have at least 3 years of exposure in Compensation & Benefits/Employee Relations.

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- Must have 1-3 years progressive work-related experience in training and/or education of an equivalent combination of education and work-related experience.
- Preferably an English major.

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Must have completed a degree in Accounting, Finance, or similar courses.

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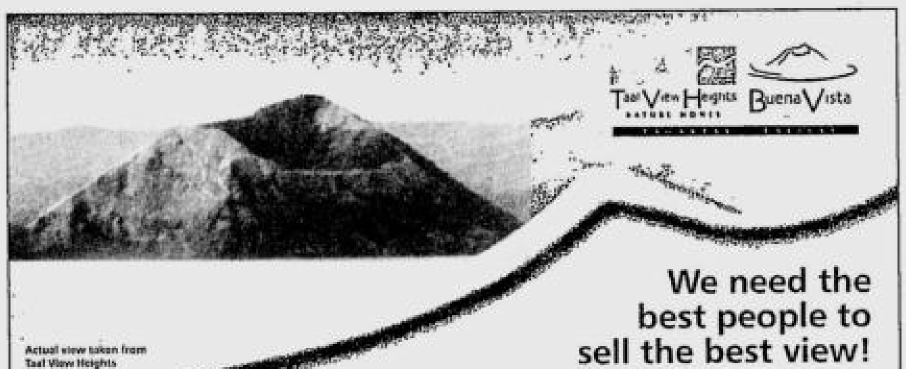
All applicants should have excellent English communication skills and should be willing to work graveyard shift. Previous applicants need not re-apply.



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- Male or female, 25-45 years old, college graduate with experience in high-end resort, residential development or country club shares or direct selling
- Must be creative and innovative in marketing club shares and residential / resort lots
- Strong in interpersonal communication and management skills
- Strong leadership quality
- Willing to work for long hours and on weekends

Sales Associates

- Male or female, 18 years old and above, with a pleasing personality
- College student or graduate, entrepreneur
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- Strong in interpersonal communication and management skills
- Willing to work for long hours and on weekends

Licensed Real Estate Brokers / Broker Groups are also welcome.

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Qualifications:

- ➢ Male or Female less than 30 years old
- ➢ College Graduate
- ➢ Must have good communication skills and pleasing personality
- ➢ At least 2-5 years experience in managing reputable food chain/restaurant

RESTAURANT STAFF

Qualifications:

- ➢ Male or Female, 18-24 years old
- ➢ At least 2nd year College
- ➢ Must have good communication skills and pleasing personality

Requirements:

Updated resume with recent photo: Diploma/Transcript of Records, Birth Certificate: Employment Certificate.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY SEND THEIR RESUME TO:
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SEB Commercial Center
Ortigas Avenue Extension, Taytay, Rizal
Tel. Nos. 658-8561-63, 658-8561-61

SALES REPRESENTATIVES

For Metro Manila assignment:

- ➢ M/F, college graduate
- ➢ W/ pleasing personality
- ➢ Age limit: 35 yrs old
- ➢ W/ sales experience
- ➢ Has good communication skills

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- ☐ Female, not more than 40 years old
- ☐ Native of Cebu or surrounding provinces
- ☐ Graduate of any related 4 to 5 year course or higher attainment
- ☐ 5 years or more experience in general office management, in a supervisory or managerial level
- ☐ Excellent communication and organizational skills

HR Manager Trainee

- ☐ Female, not more than 40 years old
- ☐ Native of Cebu or surrounding provinces
- ☐ Graduate of any related 4 to 5 year course or higher attainment
- ☐ At least 5 years experience (preferably HR, Payroll or Finance)
- ☐ Excellent oral and written communication skills
- ☐ Has strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- ☐ Experienced in training and recruitment
- ☐ Good attention to details

Production Manager Trainees

- ☐ Male and Female
- ☐ Native of Cebu or surrounding provinces
- ☐ Not more than 40 years old
- ☐ Graduate of any Engineering course
- ☐ With 3-5 years experience in a supervisory or managerial position
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Or email at: **hiring_cebu@yahoo.com**

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Profile:

- *Preferably Male (28 years or above of age)*
- *With a degree in Business Administration or a related course*
- *With at least two years experience in selling solutions such as ERP and Warehouse Management System*
- *Adept at generating solutions proposals with good presentation and demonstration skills*
- *Proficient in oral and written communications*
- *Preferably with experience in solutions consulting*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

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Profile:

- *Male or female, preferably 30 years or above of age*
- *Experienced in Business Process Analysis*
- *With a degree in a business course (CS/Acctg/BM)*
- *Accounting background, preferably in manufacturing*
- *Proficient in oral and written communications*
- *Knowledgeable in Unix and SQL*
- *Willing to travel to local and foreign site installations*

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Profile:

- *Male or female, preferably 25 years or above of age*
- *Proficient in Lotus Notes Administration*
- *Proficient in Unix / Linux Administration*
- *With 3 years work experience*
- *Experienced in LAN / PC maintenance*

PROGRAMMERS

Profile:

- *Male or female, preferably 25 years or above of age*
- *C++ programmer in a Unix environment*
- *With 3 years work experience*
- *Hardworking and deadline-oriented*
- *Willing to travel to local and foreign site installations*

*Interested parties for the above positions may email their applications and resumes to vssantos@infrontier.com or contact Rhea or Che at telephone numbers **(623) 895-1996** or **(632) 897-8594** to set appointments for interview.*

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SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER, Enterprise Solutions Sales

Profile:

- *Male or female, between 25 to 35 years of age*
- *With a degree in Business Administration, Marketing or a related course*
- *With at least two years experience in enterprise solutions selling and comprehensive knowledge on enterprise servers, storage solutions and software*
- *Adept at generating solutions proposals with good presentation and demonstration skills*
- *Proficient in oral and written communications*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

ACCOUNT MANAGER, Corporate Sales

Profile:

- *Male or female, between 23 to 30 years of age*
- *With a degree in Business Administration, Marketing or a related course*
- *With at least two years experience in corporate account management*
- *Adept at generating sales proposals with good presentation and demonstration skills*
- *Proficient in oral and written communications*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

ACCOUNT MANAGER, Maintenance Services Sales

Profile:

- *Male or female, between 23 to 30 years of age*
- *Graduate of a four-year tertiary education course, preferably Marketing*
- *Adept at generating sales proposals with good presentation skills*
- *Proficient in oral and written communications*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

JUNIOR COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

Profile:

- *Male, between 21 to 25 years of age*
- *Graduate of at least a two-year computer technology course*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Profile:

- *Female, between 21 to 25 years of age*
- *With a degree in Accountancy*
- *With good interpersonal and organizational skills*

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least two (2) years in an administrative or HR supervisory position;
- Proficient in handling disciplinary action cases;
- Computer literate;
- Analytical;
- Above average communication skills (oral and written);
- Above average interpersonal skills (patient and mature in dealing with staff);
- College graduate (any four-year course).

SURVEILLANCE EXECUTIVE

JOB SUMMARY:
Directs, coordinates and oversees the activities of the Surveillance personnel in monitoring gaming tables, slot operations, count rooms, cashier cages and downtime activity in the Casino and support areas.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum of three (3) years in Surveillance Operations Department, with at least one (1) year experience as Surveillance Supervisor (Executive);
- College graduate (any four-year course);
- Strong interpersonal skills and analytical ability;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, especially in English;
- Fair and objective;
- Must have flexible working habit.

VIP SERVICES EXECUTIVE

JOB SUMMARY:
Assists the VIP Services Manager and Asst. VIP Services Manager in the operational and administrative requirements of the VIP Services Department.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College graduate of any course;
- Minimum of three (3) years experience in Casino industry;
- Minimum of two (2) years exposure in junket operations and negotiations;
- Above average written and oral communication skills;
- Knowledge of any Asian language is an advantage;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Possesses leadership qualities;
- Excellent public relations skills.

VIP SERVICES COORDINATOR

JOB SUMMARY:
Qualified applicants will be tasked to liaise with various hotel department and to provide service that is uniquely LIRL.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College graduate of any course;
- Fluent in Mandarin, Hokkien and/or Korean languages;
- At least one (1) year experience in customer service;
- With excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Patient and flexible;
- Prepared to work overtime when required.

Residents of Olongapo, Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga and/or other areas in Central Luzon are preferred. Interested applicants may send/submit their resumés/bio-data with supporting document and recent 2x2 photo to:

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Recruitment & Training Office
2F Oak Bldg., Legenda Suites, Cubi Point,
Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo City 2200
Fax No. (02) 813-5670

EMAIL Address: **hrd@legendanet.com**

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CORPORATE LAWYER

Not more than 35 yrs. Old
Experience in legal documentation & research will be an advantage
Preferably knowledgeable in gov't. rules & regulations on contracts preparation
Excellent communication skills
(Please e-mail resume to jing_l_pineda@yahoo.com or send to the address below)

LEGAL INVESTIGATOR

Male / Female, Not more than 40 years old
Law Graduate with exposure to a Law Firm
Experience in Investigation preferred but not required
Willing to be trained in all facets of Investigation and evidence gathering
Computer Literate
Hardworking & Patient

REQUIREMENTS

Printed Resumé, 1pc. 2X2 picture
Photocopy & Original of NBI Clearance
(less than a year old)
Birth Certificate & Transcript of Records

Applicants may apply personally at:
EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT
Ground Floor, EHA Building
Duty Free Fiestamall
Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Paranaque City
Applications will be received until March 11, 2005
(9:00 .am. To 11:00 a.m.)

SECRETARY

☐ Female. 23-26 years old
☐ Graduate of minimum 4-years college course
☐ Proficient in Windows applications and Internet/Email communications
☐ Have experience in handling tenants administration
☐ Proficient in general office management & maintaining record files
☐ Constantly writing minutes of meeting & making reports.

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Send your Application Letter, TOR, and Resume to:

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NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City, 1100
c/o P.O. Box No. 1854-Quezon City

Prompt communications will be send for corresponding interviews schedule.

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Interested applicants may email their resumé to kyttas@edsamail.com.ph or may deliver it to Unit 1408 Cityland 10, Tower I, HV Dela Costa corner Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City
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SALES Representatives
- Male, with pleasing personality
- Single, at least 22 years old
- Sales experience would be an advantage
- Graduate of any Bachelors Degree
- Dynamic, Enthusiastic & Energetic
- Having a driver's license is an advantage

TeleMarketer
- Female, with pleasing personality
- Fluent in English and Tagalog
- Single, at least 22 years old.
- Experience in Telemarketing is an advantage
- Graduate of any Bachelors Degree
- Organized, computer literate (word, excel)

Technical Engineer
- Male, licensed civil engineer
- Single, at least 23 years old.
- Experience in Timber design & estimating is an advantage.
- Computer literate(word, excel, staad)

Submit application w/ 2x2 ID, resume and TOR to Armourwood office UNIT 1208, City and Land Megaplaza, corner ADB Avenue and Garnet Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Look for Jayson Ancheta. For inquiries, call us at 914-0097 or email us at awoodmla@pldtdsl.net

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- Good command of English, ability to conduct presentations and interface with senior management.
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- Proven, substantiated track record in sales
- Having a car would be an advantage.

An engineering course and IT-related degree with at least 3 years sales experience in a process plant environment and in the IT industry respectively is an advantage.

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Human Resource Department
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Fax no.: 818-5006

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The DLS-College of Saint Benilde's School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management

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General Requirements:

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- At least supervisory level in a deluxe hotel, resort or serviced apartment

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- At least managerial position in a travel/tourism business or agency (i.e. travel agency, tour operator, airlines, DOT, PTA, PCVC)

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- At least managerial position in a hotel/travel/tourism establishment

Please send your application letter, up-to-date resume'/CV and recent 2x2 photo to DLS-CSB School of HRIM, DLS-CSB International Center, Arellano cor. Estrada Sts., Manila 1004. Application documents should reach our office on or before 12 March 2005. You may also send the soft copy of your application to shrim@dls-csb.edu.ph.

** *Kindly indicate your teaching availability, tentative or confirmed.*

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- Female or Male
- 22-30 years old
- At least 2 years experience (Adobe applications)
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Bring resumé, NBI clearance and portfolio call first for interview:

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1501 Centerpoint Bldg., J. Vargas Avenue
corner Garnet Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Tel. 631-33-11 to 13

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Block C #9 [illegible] Street, [illegible], Valenzuela City 1447
Telephone # 443-4321 / 4434050

Our company is looking for:

One (1) ACCOUNTING STAFF:
- M/F at least 25-30 years old
- Graduate of BS Accountancy and board passer preferred
- Minimum two years experience in Accounts Management and Financial Analysis
- Proficient in English oral and written communication
- Computer literate a must

One (1) QA/QC MANAGER:
- M/F graduate of Industrial Engineering, 30 years and above
- With at least 5 years managerial experience in the field of Quality Assurance and Quality Control system/activities
- Well versed in Quality conformance preferably in garment manufacturing set up
- Strong leadership and highly analytical
- Effective in English oral and written communication, Cantonese speaking an advantage

Applications accepted from Mondays-Fridays, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. only
You may also email your curriculum vitae at:
[illegible]

INTERNAL AUDITORS
- Female, Graduate of BS Accounting
- With at least 2 years experience in accounting functions.

OFFICE PERSONNELS
- Female, single, 21-28 years of age
- Graduate of any business-related course
- Proficient in MS Office applications

Above applicants must know how to speak Chinese.
Qualified applicants may call for interview schedule:
Tel. No.: 364-10-82

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The Information Technology Center is in need of qualified professionals to fulfill the following positions:

Data Administration Office Department Head
- Bachelor of Science degree holder in Information Technology, Computer Science or related field
- Has at least four (4) years relevant experience in systems analysis, design and implementation, and technical documentation
- Has specialized training in programming, database design, IS audit, and data management
- Has specialized training or relevant experience in project management
- Can create and maintain an enterprise data model
- Can define data standards
- Has supervisory skills
- Good in oral and written communication

Software Architect
- Bachelor of Science degree holder, preferably Computer Science or related field
- Specialized training in systems analysis and computer programming languages such as Visual Basic, Oracle Developer or ASP
- Has at least one (1) year industry experience in systems analysis
- Knowledgeable in system maintenance and development
- Preferably knows forms design
- Has good analytical skills
- Good in oral and written communication

Software Developer
- Bachelor of Science degree holder, preferably Computer Science or related field
- Has specialized training in logic formulation and computer programming languages such as Visual Basic, Oracle Developer or ASP
- Knowledgeable in system maintenance and development
- Has good analytical skills
- Good in oral and written communication

Interested applicants can submit an application letter indicating the position applied for, two 2" x 2" colored picture, resumé and Transcript of Records to MallareS@dlsu.edu.ph or to: **The Director, Information Technology Center**, Room 308 Gokongwei Building, De La Salle University-Manila, 2401 Taft Avenue, 1004 Manila

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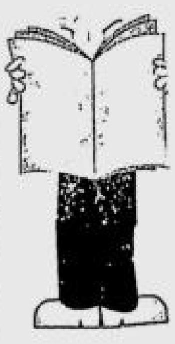

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SALES MANAGER FOR HOME CARE
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- Between 26-35 years old; pleasing personality
- Graduate of a four-year business related course
- With at least two (2) years managerial experience in a direct/retail selling environment
- Preferably with experience in distributing consumer products
- Creative and with excellent communication skills
- Must be computer literate

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

- Between 26-35 years old; pleasing personality
- Must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Must have at least two (2) years related work experience in a managerial capacity
- Must be proficient in MS office applications (Excel/Word/Powerpoint)
- Must have strong financial systems background, Platinum for Windows or its equivalent
- Must be proficient in both oral and written communications

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND OR E-MAIL IMMEDIATELY THEIR COMPREHENSIVE RESUME, TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS AND A RECENT 2X2 PHOTO TO:

Rustan Marketing Corporation
Human Resource Management Division
(C/o Executive Administration)
Ground Floor Midland Buendia Bldg.
403 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
E-mail address: embaysa@rgoc.com.ph

(We will reply to qualified applicants only)

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Requirements:
- Female, at least 25 to 30 years old
- Accountancy graduate with at least 2-3 years experience
- Hands-on doer with focus on details
- Team player and able to work under pressure
- Cost conscious, honest, self motivated and reliable
- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Proficient in MS Excel, Word and Powerpoint

Qualified candidates may send their application letter together with a detailed resumé and recent 2x2 picture on or before March 7, 2005 to:

The Manager
GRUNDFOS PUMPS (PHILS.), INC.
2308 Natividad I Bldg.
Pasong Tamo Extension,
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A food manufacturing company based outside Metro Manila as part of its continuing expansion and strategy to meet the prevailing business challenges, are currently looking for candidates for the following positions:

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PRODUCTION ANALYST

Male graduate in Industrial Engineering, Industrial Management Engineering or any related course, had at least 2 years experience with food production or in line processing operation.

Other requirements needed for the above 2 positions are;
- willing to work beyond 8 hours
- flexible and willing to be assigned outside Metro Manila
- team player
- computer literate
- results driven and resourceful

3 LINE SUPERVISORS

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HR's role is that of strategist, says call center HR exec

By JR Bustamante
Contributor

HR Focus

“BECAUSE of global competition, the HR role is shifting to a greater accountability from an administrator to a strategist. HR plays a crucial role in implementing corporate strategy through effective people asset management,” states Benito “Benjun” Castillo Jr., HR manager for Link2Support, Inc. He explains that the HR department's role in a company goes beyond merely handling administrative responsibilities like it did years ago. “It is now a strategic business partner and a high level advisor on the management team,” Castillo declares.

Finding the right person

In call centers, this strategic role is all the more emphasized since the ability of the HR department to get qualified applicants fast is critical to the success of the business. Castillo cites challenges regarding this concern. “It is a question of where to find quality, hardworking, dedicated and loyal workforce in our country. The rise of competition among call centers in getting HR requirements is still an issue to strategize,” according to Castillo.

He adds, “Another is the attrition or turnover issue ... Workers are very young, demanding and self-searching in this period of career shifts and changes. Finding the right person to match our company's competencies—a dual requirement of English communication skills and computer technical skills—is always a big challenge for our company's growth in the country... Other concerns could be infrastructure requirements, government regulations and communication, and technology capabilities of our country.”

Castillo has been connected with Link2Support since May 2004 but he has been an HR practitioner for almost 15 years in various settings such as the academe, manufacturing and service, retail and publishing. His academic accomplishments include a doctorate in Education from New Era University and a master's in Industrial Relations in Human Resource Development from UP Diliman. He also earned units in MBA at the Lyceum of Aparri, and completed a certificate course in Labor Laws from the UP College of Law and a Bachelor of Industrial Psychology from PUP Manila. He is presently an active member of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines.

Company profile

Established in May 2002, Link2Support, Inc. is a call center located in Eastwood City that provides technical support to businesses and home users of Linksys products around the world by phone, e-mail or chat. The Linksys Group (a division of Cisco Systems) is known as the worldwide leader in the development and manufacturing of broadband and wireless networking solutions for homes, small office/home office (Soho), small/medium business (SMB) and corporate work-groups.

Link2Support, Inc. utilizes a multi-channel approach in supporting its American and English-speaking European customers—through first-rate voice support for simple to complex technical queries or troubleshooting issues, e-mail support providing detailed technical solutions specifically hardware and system configuration, and tech chat sessions with multiple customers comfortable with online, real-time chat.

Cutting across different US, Europe and Asian time zones, Link2Support is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has a management team with over 20 years of call center experience. Link2Support has a workforce of over 800 product support representatives composed mainly of licensed electronics and communications engineers, computer engineers, computer science and information technology graduates who are given continuous exceptional training and learning opportunities in a world-class call center environment.

Adding value

In such a global environment, Castillo makes sure his company maintains it competitive edge by adding value. He emphasizes, “Adding value in a competitive business environment is a philosophy that I always reflect on in my day-to-day management of work activities. Personally, I always see to it that everyday I am adding value not only to organizational growth and development but also to my personal growth and development. With globalization around, there is always a need to be armed with competitiveness.”

Castillo explains his concept of value-added, which also includes alignment of strategies, priorities, and processes in all areas in the organization. According to him, value-added also means creating a learning culture and building an environment where the new class of knowledge workers thrive and grow in an organization. He explains, “These are done through executing value-added programs on employee training and development, communicating and sharing of ideas, knowledge and executing, aligning organizational competencies (both functional and universal) to HR-related activities such as recruitment and testing, interviews, performance appraisals, and systems for rewards, compensation and benefits.”

Castillo adds, “Finally, value-added to me equals to an employee's greater productivity, higher efficiency, better loyalty and keener interest for company's welfare. At the same time, it equals to the company's increase in profit, maintains stability, sound and harmonious relationships, increase production and greater market.”

HR problem

When asked what he observes to be a prevalent HR industry problem and his solution for it, Castillo has this to say: “Getting or putting the right people in a right position at the right time is still a prevalent issue for me and among companies, specifically in the call center industry. Matching people and jobs, sourcing the target manpower requirements, retaining and motivating the best people are the dialogues among HR managers. In my experience, I still believe that the magic word is strategy. My doctoral dissertation, which I have successfully passed defending it last Feb. 11, could also be my suggested solution to this problem.”

Castillo's package of solutions include his program, the “3 C's of Challenges” which refers to cooperation, collaboration and competitiveness.

Positive investments

On a positive note, Castillo makes this observation: “Collaborative efforts are now seen among HR stakeholders. Management or industry owners are now proactively supportive and generous in implementing value-added HR programs and interventions, which are considered as positive investments. Schools are now cooperative in coordinating with industries to match their curriculum and programs to the competencies needed for future and global work. Professional organizations involved in HR are likewise united towards advocating with government, NGOs and other sectors that responsible and accountable of HR development.”

More jobs

Castillo shares his company's plans for the future, “Link2Support, as one of the key players in the Philippine call center industry, is proud to be contributing strategically to our country's growth and development by providing more jobs to the Filipinos.”

He adds, “A new expansion site to be located in Cagayan De Oro City will be a big contribution indeed in providing more job opportunities to numerous Filipinos in this part of our country and also to its neighboring provinces. With this, our country's human resources, majority of which are new graduates, will be provided valuable training, relevant experiences and exposure in a company that embraces world-class technology and unending opportunities for career growth, development and learning.

Academe linkage program

Castillo explains that Link2Support provides equal opportunity for individuals who want to pursue a career in the field of information technology. “The company promotes a balanced work-life by enhancing holistic activities and environment that will totally develop an individual either socially, mentally and even culturally.”

Aside from all these, the company is committed to supporting the country's thrust to upgrade and elevate the life of every Filipino. Castillo explains the steps undertaken by the company in its social responsibility efforts. “Partnering with government agencies like the Department of Labor and Employment and PESO (public employeemnt service office) to help reach out for more employment opportunities, the company established an Academe Linkage Program that collaborates with schools, giving information and benchmarks to match their programs and curriculum with industry needs and requirements, and local government and communities, that may possibly provide businesses and other worthwhile activities, for a cooperative effort to improve concerns and issues of the society.

Castillo sums their corporate values in a simple and easy-to-remember slogan. “We walk and talk TECH—Trust and respect for each other, Excellence in execution and teamwork, Constant care for our customer's business and people's welfare, Honesty and Integrity.”

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OFFSHORE outsourcing is seen as an opportunity for the Philippines to earn significant investments and develop its people in terms of global competitiveness. But to fully realize the potentials of this new global trend, the country should use call centers—one of the initial industries that signal the influx of offshore outsourcing—as the all-important first step to broader employment opportunities.

Asian Wall Street Journal editor Reginald Chua told business executives in a forum in 2004 to face the challenges of outsourcing, which, according to him, is a "dramatic revolution" and a "completely different way of doing things" today.

"People are just beginning to understand how to use what has been around for five or six years," he said. "Offshore outsourcing is moving business offices around the world. The wealth and opportunities will go to Asia. And I urge you to think beyond call centers. Think of any process that doesn't need face-to-face contact."

He said the "value of information in the business process is growing" and one business opportunity that can be looked into with regard to outsourcing is the huge healthcare industry in the developed countries such as the United States that demand data handling.

He also said 3.3 million jobs will move offshore by 2015. "Offshore outsourcing opens the stage for everyone, especially the Philippines. What we should do is to optimize brain power."

He also said the Philippines has a huge advantage in capturing larger markets for outsourcing. "You have very good and skilled manpower. You have good accountants, bankers, well-educated and smart people (who are well versed with the) English language."

He further added that for the country to remain in the global map, it should take offshore outsourcing seriously and to grab the chance to get more investments for the country in this area. **Raquel P. Gomez**

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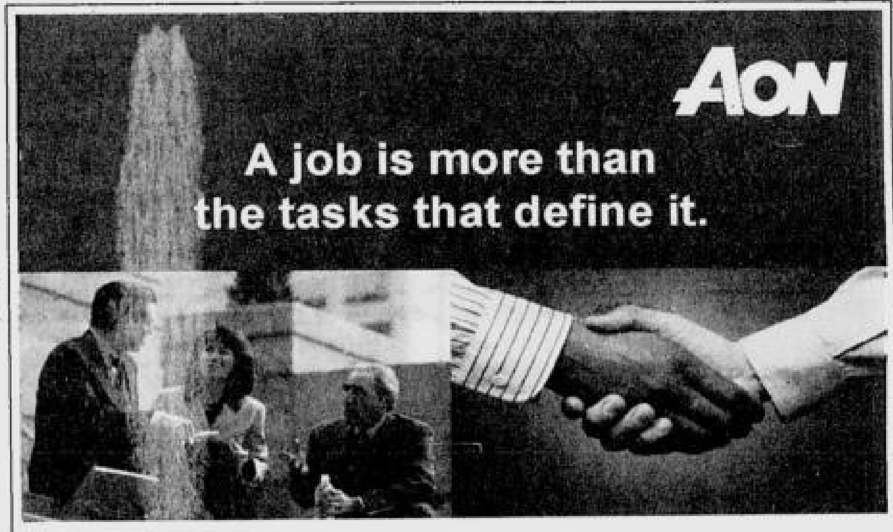
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Filipino motivational speaker encourages people to be authentic leaders

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

A CITY SLICKER got tired of the rat race and decided to live the simple life. Upon moving to the farm, he bought himself a donkey from an old farmer for $100. The next day, the farmer showed up on the guy's doorstep reporting that the donkey died before he could deliver it. Naturally, the city slicker asked for his money back. Unfortunately, the farmer already used the money. The guy, a veteran of many leadership seminars, thought well and hard and came up with a solution. He instructed the farmer to unload the donkey just the same. "What are you going to do with it?" asked the baffled farmer. "I'm going to raffle it off," came the confident answer. "You can't raffle off a dead donkey, you dumb city businessman," the farmer replied. "That's where you are wrong. It's just another situation that requires leadership skills. I'll show you how smart the people from the city are." A month later, the farmer ran into the businessman and asked how it all went. "I raffled the donkey off. I sold 500 tickets at $2 each and made $998." The farmer obviously impressed, asked, "Didn't anyone complain?" The businessman said, "Just the one who won but I gave him his $2 back."

According to motivational speaker Francis Kong, there are many people who exhibit leadership skills like the city slicker. But are they authentic or not? In The Third Achievers and Leaders Seminar held recently at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel, Kong educated the people on how to set themselves apart as authentic leaders from the mere followers.

This year, Kong once again enthralled a ballroom full of eager listeners as he tried to instill values and good business practices in The Third Achievers and Leaders Seminar organized by Salt and Light Ventures in cooperation with The Philippine Daily Inquirer and Copylandia.

Power of habit

Although most leadership experts have different approaches and methodologies, they more or less share the same ideals on leadership and success. A few went to Kong's seminar thinking there was nothing new to learn. "People come to seminars like this and expect their lives to change. It won't happen. We attend to know based on what we know and we learn based from on we learn. We do repetitiously and when we do repetitiously it becomes part of our habit. It forms our character and then our life changes," explains Kong.

According to Kong, human beings don't live their lives according to what they know. He takes the 10 commandments as an example. Even kids know it by heart but the number of people who actually take it to heart are few. "Human beings live their lives according to what they learn based on what they knew then they did repetitiously. Never underestimate the power of habit. Understand the immense power of habit."

Influencing leaders

Working with several highly respected motivational speakers all over the world, Kong learned two important things. One is that leadership is all about influence. Secondly, good leaders produce good leaders. He explains that an authentic leader influences his people to be like him or her, an effective leader.

In Japan, employers don't hire according to an applicant's experience, skills or ability. According to Kong, this is because the Japanese believe that skills and abilities can be learned. Their qualifications are based on a person's ability to replicate themselves and train others. That's why in Japan, when somebody gets promoted, they celebrate not in honor of the person promoted but in honor of the mentor who was responsible for the promotion.

Kong says this is why management who spend time and effort training their people often get ahead on the race. Kong recalls meeting the owner of several car companies in Pampanga. The impressed speaker toured the company's training halls. According to Kong, it was one of the most impressive training facilities he has ever seen. "During the economic crisis, everybody was cutting cost. When everybody was laying off and down sizing, I decided to do something different. I decided into pouring my money into training my people," the owner disclosed to Kong.

Today, now that the econo my is slowly starting to rise up again, his competitors are nowhere near him. This authentic leader understood the importance of training.

Kong encourages leaders to distinguish themselves from followers. He says it's easy to tell the difference. According to him, when leaders make mistakes, they say, "I was wrong." But when followers make mistakes they say, "It wasn't my fault." Kong avers, "Ineffective leaders are those who take the credit and are eager to pass blame when there is defeat. But authentic leaders face the spotlight and take responsibility for everything."

Characteristics of effective leaders

Kong goes on to say that a leader goes through a problem. A follower goes around it and never gets past it. Often, he also makes excuses. As an example, Kong cites people who often use traffic as an excuse for tardiness. "People always blame traffic for being late for office. No, it's not traffic. It's the habit of getting to be late. Is traffic a problem or is traffic a fact of life? If it's a problem, you can solve it. If it's a fact of life, you have to live with it." Similarly, leaders say, "There ought to be a better way to do this." Followers say, "That is the way it has always been done throughout the years."

Kong further adds that a leader makes and keeps commitments. A follower makes and forgets promises. A leader says "I am good but not as good as I ought to be." A follower says "I am not as bad as a lot of other people." A leader works harder than the follower and has more time. A follower is always too busy to do what is necessary.

Leaders listen. Followers just wait until it's their turn to talk. Leaders respect those who are superior to them and try to learn something from them. Followers resent those who are superior to them and try to find chinks in their armor. Finally, leaders feel responsible for more than their job. Followers say, "I only work here." Above all, an authentic leader, according to Kong, is ethical, efficient and excellent. Knowing the difference between a leader and a follower, is the city slicker who earned $998 an authentic leader? If you are an authentic leader, you should know.

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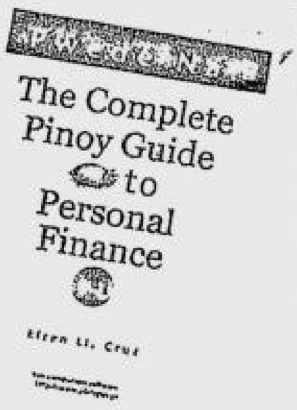

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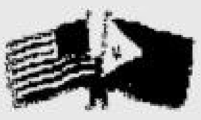

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'I've been thrice bypassed in promotion'

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I HAVE been working as a sales representative for eight years now but I have also been thrice bypassed in promotion by less senior sales reps. (My friends have jokingly named me as a triple bypass patient.)

Modesty aside, I try to meet my quota just like the others who were promoted to district manager. I am conscientious, committed to my job and have received a number of commendations from my customers. I do my best at all times and silently produce results expected from me. The only thing that I can be faulted with is that I am not close to my bosses and I don't exert extra effort to please them.

I want to move up on my own merits and will not resort to buttering up my bosses in order to achieve my career goals. How can I increase my chances of promotion?

Solid Performer

You are in great company—there are millions of employees who aspire to be promoted by simply doing the best they can. However, performing to get promoted requires something more than performing just to meet your quota. If your objective is merely to meet your quota, then you are doing just fine. If you want to get promoted, you must do something more than just that.

A promotion is usually a prerogative of the boss—he can choose whom to promote. It is also a movement to a position of greater responsibility, and therefore those who get promoted must be those who exhibit the capability to perform in that higher position. Strictly speaking, a promotion is not a reward for good performance. However, you can't expect to get promoted to a higher position if you can't even perform in your present job. Moreover, a promotion in an environment of meritocracy is not based on tenure or seniority but on demonstration of competence and potential.

Bigger job

I suspect that those who were promoted to district manager did their job well just like you, but also did something more to get noticed. The boss must have seen in them some potential to do the bigger job. Consequently, people whose abilities or potential remain unnoticed simply remain in their current jobs for the longest time.

That performance speaks for itself is an age-old myth in the workplace. This is not true. You must exert some effort to get your performance noticed. Worse, great performance is in the eye of the beholder. The boss can be biased, too, or simply not looking at your performance. (How devastating it is to make a hole-in-one when you're playing alone!)

You insinuate that those promoted must have buttered up their bosses. I was tempted to immediately condemn such practice as foul, unpleasant and below the belt. But for the sake of creativity, let me take an adverse view and perhaps convince the readers that pleasing your boss, if done masterfully, can boost your career. I have seen how great careers were made for those who have elevated it to the level of an art.

Charm defined

Let me quickly define what I mean by pleasing your boss. I certainly don't mean being a pathetic sycophant, for nobody reaches the top by simply flattering the boss. Flattery and obsequious praise can spell disaster to aspiring climbers in the career ladder. All right, if it makes you feel any better, just substitute "using one's charm."

Let's face it. As you go higher, you meet more people you can't stand but you have to put up with. Some bosses can be obnoxious and irritating, but at the end of the day, they decide how much money is in your pocketbook and how far in the organization you will go. So, you use your charm to get promoted. You might even hear your boss justify your promotion saying, "The guy did a good job and he is charming." What he really meant is "That guy performed well, was pleasant to me and I liked it. Therefore, I promoted him."

Have you ever heard somebody say, "I don't like that guy—he's always flattering me"? I bet that people complain about flatterers because they don't get compliments often. But we often butter up people. We do it when we say the customer is right, even if he is wrong. When the boss yells that he needed it yesterday, we scamper to get the job done fast. So what's new?

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Hints

If you want to get promoted or enhance your career, here are a few hints at how you can turn on the charm:

1. Listen. I suggest you don't fake your interest in what the boss or any other party is saying. Successful people like Clinton or Disraeli have mastered the art of making anybody feel like the only person in the world when having a conversation. Listening intently is a show of respect, even if you disagree with what is being said. Respect begets respect. Nobody will like anybody who does not show him some respect.

2. Be careful with what you say of others. If you have nothing good to say about somebody, don't say it. A good remark about others will somehow elicit a similarly good remark. Try telling somebody how good he or she looks, and the usual retort is that you too look good yourself. Try this experiment. Tell your friend that somebody told you that she is smart. I bet that she will never say, "Oh, he is a liar or needs eye refraction." The likely response is a reciprocation of a good word said.

3. Be lavish in your praise, especially with your boss or your subordinates. Even bosses get motivated if they hear their people noticing their achievements. But make sure that the delivery does not make the compliment cheap. To make your praise meaningful, raise your standards every so often. As the villain Syndrome said in "The Incredibles," "When everybody else is super, nobody is."

4. Time your praise properly. People commit the mistake of praising only when they need something. Wrong timing makes compliments so obvious that people at the receiving end resent the gesture. There is no substitute for sincerity and proper timing.

5. Forget your pride—give credit if it's deserved. Some people are reluctant to use their charm lest they be understood as stooping to lower levels. Perhaps, the best compliment comes not from an ally but from an adversary. Give credit where credit is due. If a subordinate has improved his performance today, compliment him even if last week you gave him a tongue-lashing for a lousy job.

I am not advocating buttering up bosses as a national pastime. (Perhaps, it already is.) But it surely makes you get noticed better if you know how to do it masterfully. Between two equally great performers, the one who knows how to use his charm will surely get the promotion.

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Prayer from a retrenched employee

By Loree Cruz-Mante
Contributor

DEAR Lord,

I woke up a bit startled this morning and suddenly realized I was in no rush. That's because I have nowhere to go. I don't have to hurry through my shower or pick out an outfit to wear. I have all the time in the world. (They don't require you to time in and time out at the malls.)

This morning, I stared at the mirror as I fixed my hair, and for the first time shuddered to see some white hairs showing. I also saw some laugh lines and eyebags that weren't there before, or maybe I just never stopped long enough before the mirror to see them.

I fixed myself a cup of coffee. No, it wasn't instant; I brewed coffee in a coffeemaker that has been sitting there, unused, because I never had time to fuss over breakfast. That is, if I even had time to take it.

Today, I drew up a long list of things to do, wonderful things I have anticipated doing sometime in some distant future. Finally, I could indulge in them because now, I have time. Lots of it. This list will be revisited, and each item crossed out as I get each one done in turn.

Learn ikebana and bonsai. Get going on my driving lessons for my license. Get a massage and luxuriate in a day-long spa. Take a video of my son's recital. Volunteer in the church feeding program. Enroll in graduate school. Jog, swim, play basketball. Listen to my *kasambahay* tell of her hometown memories. Date my spouse and child, separately. Pay my ailing mother a long visit. Touch base with my high school friends. Have an annual check-up. Tend my garden. Experiment on a new recipe. Join a Bible study group. Hug my child much more often than I used to. Mend my child's socks. Listen to the rain.

It's a long list, Lord. Thank you that I now have time for all the items I've put down here. I have all the time.

But even as I relish the prospect of having so much time on my hands, I do miss the rush, Lord. Oh, how I miss the pace! I miss the security guard's salute as I enter the building, the receptionist's smile as I enter the office. I miss my desk, hopelessly cluttered as it used to be. I miss sharpening my pencils and running out of ink. I miss my boss' gruff voice asking me to work overtime. I miss the banter of coworkers in the midst of a hectic day. I even miss my grouchy officemate who often goes overboard and becomes obnoxious. I miss the lightness of my step during paydays. I miss calling my daughter from my office phone and promising that I'll be home soon. I miss going

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By the seawall

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

EONS ago—30 years?—I worked in an office on Roxas Boulevard, close to the Malate Church and just a block away from the sea. A number of my officemates would, on Wednesdays, go to church at lunch break. One day, alone, I took too long a lunch break that I was missed. On my return, a female colleague asked, "*Saan ka galing? Wala ka sa lunch?*" (Where have you been? You weren't at lunch?) I casually replied, "*A, kasi nagsimba 'ko...*" (You know what "*nagsimba*" is to the Filipino: it means one has been to church.) Another female colleague said, "*Nagsimba... nakita kita sa tabing dagat eh!*" (Been to church? I saw you by the seawall!)

I chuckled at that because she was correct—I was sitting at the seawall the whole time, enjoying the cloudy day. But I wasn't lying either, so I decided to tease her, "Yeah, I'd really been to church!" She thought I was pulling her leg because I was grinning, so I asked her, "Well, whom do you go to see when you go to church?" "God," she said. I pressed, "Can God be everywhere?" "Of course," she said cockily, unprepared for what was to come: "So I went to see God, and the seawall became a church."

Sometimes, when we get stuck on routine, even our thoughts come cut-and dried. If work can be mere routine; so can worship. In order to stay responsive to the best within us—and therefore creative at work—we need to heed that little voice that says we can take flight, free our spirit, transcend the limitations of physical space, and rejoice at the Truth. That's for me worshipping "in spirit and truth." (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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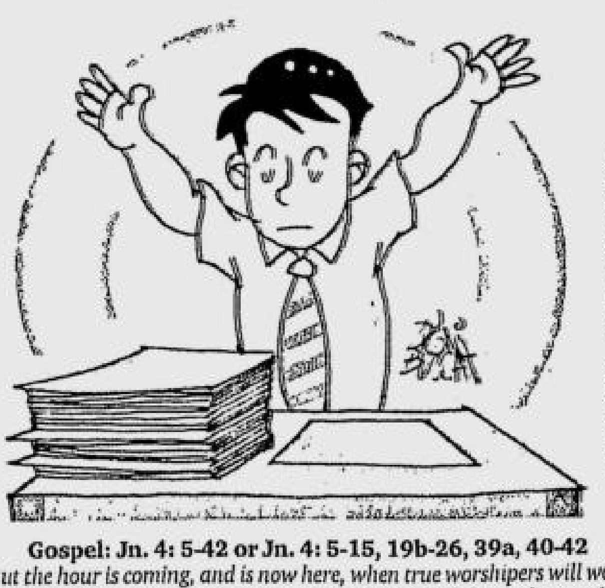

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But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;...God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.

Work and worship

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

WORK and worship are essential elements of human living. Everyone spends time for work and for worship. For most people, work takes up almost all their waking hours, while worship gets a few minutes or seconds interspersed during the day. There are others however who spend little but quality time for prayer and worship either individually or in communities. In fact, greater attendance in worship services or Holy Masses is becoming a phenomenon not only in sacred places or churches but also in workplaces or offices. There seems to be a growing sensitivity for God and spiritual hunger in people nowadays. This reminds me of Jesus' words, "the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth..."

Jesus invites us to become true worshippers of the Father. True worship demands the total surrender of one's whole being to God—loving Him with one's whole mind, whole body, whole strength, and whole self. But how can one render God true worship when a good part of his mind, body, strength and self is engrossed in his daily work? When can a worker toiling the whole day "worship the Father in Spirit and truth"?

When the worker believes that all his life and everything in it, including his work/job, comes from the Father and that he depends on Him entirely and submits his will to this reality, he "worships Him in spirit"—a conscious act of surrender of his whole being to God. Reminding himself of this truth while working or during work intervals, he makes his work a true worship of God. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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Olsen and Nash Racela

These Basketball Brothers Are Flying High

By Lorenzo Z. Manguiat
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THEY say that every name has its story. When one meets the Racela brothers for the first time, the question often asked is the origin of their unusually American-sounding nicknames, followed by queries about the seemingly non-extant connection to their given names.

Indeed, how can the names Olsen and Nash be anywhere near Rodericko Cesar or Raoul Cesar, respectively, and what in the world got into their parents' heads that they thought of such western nicknames?

Confusion soon turns into amusement once you hear the story. Olsen was born on All Saint's (Olsen's) Day, while, Nash turns out to be an abbreviation of National Heroes' Day. Pursuing this trend, their parents named their third and youngest child Reynaldo Cesar. Now based in the United States, he was nicknamed Wally—for "*wala* (nothing)," since no special occasion marked his birthday.

Olsen reveals that they almost ended up with names based on their mom's favorite pastime: mahjong. "Originally we should have been called Pong, Kang and Chao, but our *lola* and *lolo* didn't like the idea so our folks came up with our present nicknames. At least *mas sosyal* (they're more classy)," he adds.

More than just having unique names, however, Olsen and Nash Racela have unquestionably established themselves as key figures in the local basketball scene. Already in his 12th season in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA), 34-year-old Olsen is considered one of the premiere point guards in the league. On the other hand, Nash, who's a year younger than Olsen, is a fast-rising coach who already has a championship tucked under his belt.

They may be successful in their own right, but the Racela brothers share a special bond. No one expected them to be where they are, not even themselves. They're two ordinary brothers who never stood out, but made the most of their opportunities through good old-fashioned persistence and hard work.

"I had no intention of making basketball a career. I was into the sport because I was having fun," says Olsen. After playing high school ball for Ateneo, Olsen tried out for the UAAP seniors team of both Ateneo and the University of the Philippines in 1987. Unfortunately for the 5'10" aspirant, he was cut both times. After both rejections, Olsen decided to just be a regular college freshman at Ateneo.

Three weeks before the opening of classes, however, Olsen got word about an opening for the Blue Eagles squad after some players had been ruled ineligible. This time around, he made the cut. Playing backup to Jun Reyes, Olsen played an integral role in Ateneo's back-to-back championships in 1987 and 1988. Olsen displayed such unbridled hustle and intensity inside the court that he was aptly given the moniker "Rah-Rah."

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One is the star guard for one of the PBA's most popular teams, the other is assistant coach at another club. But it was their fighting spirit, shared perseverance and strong family values that helped Olsen and Nash Racela succeed

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Sibling success: More than just unique nicknames, Olsen and Nash share a tenacity for reaching for their goals

Though he was able to play in the PBL, primarily as a reliever to Johnny Abarrientos at Crispa, Olsen wasn't a sure shot at making the professional ranks. "I was hoping to get drafted, but right before the draft I was in the States and my aunt was already telling me to stay and look at the possibility of getting a job there," admits Olsen.

Olsen went back home, though, and fortunately found himself selected by Purefoods in the second round of the 1993 PBA draft. From being the PBA Press Corps' first ever Mr. Quality Minutes during his rookie season with Purefoods, Olsen eventually moved over to San Miguel Beer, where his career blossomed.

"It's really a big jump from being a player known for pure hustle to being considered a smart point guard. Your game really has to evolve," says Olsen. "If you don't improve every year, you won't last in the PBA. The turnover of players is that fast."

Room for growth

"I learned an important thing from Jerry Codiñera," Olsen adds. "He said you must have a goal every conference, be it stats or whatever. When you have a goal, you have direction, and it helps a lot. Of course, winning is important." True enough, Olsen has been part of a championship squad at nearly every level, having won titles in high school, college, the PBL and the PBA. He was also part of the PBA Mythical Five in 2000 and 2001.

"I'm not really a believer in individual awards, and I consider being named to the Mythical Five as my MVP award since it means I was the league's best point guard," Olsen says. Another reason for his success and longevity in the pros, he believes, is the fact that he is with the right team and good players surround him. "I'm very relaxed and used to the system at San Miguel. The coaching staff has their full confidence in me and having Danny I (Ildefonso) and Danny S (Seigle) makes it easier for me."

While Nash was no slouch as a basketball player either, his playing career never went beyond high school. After graduating from college at De La Salle University, Nash joined the corporate world, working for a bank. After five years, Nash left his job to explore other options.

"I felt that there was no room for growth so I resigned, I got tired of what I was doing," admits Nash. Looking for something to keep him occupied right after he left his job in late 1997, Nash joined some scrimmages of the Batangas Blades before the now defunct Metropolitan Basketball Association's inaugural season in 1998.

"Olsen knew (then-Batangas coach) Binky Favis so I asked if I could join the scrimmages. My objective back then was just to get into shape," said Nash. Soon thereafter, Nash, who had no prior coaching experience, was offered a position as assistant coach. "I was more into scouting in the beginning so I got to go around the country. It was a good experience," he says.

A few games into the 2000 season, however, Favis was relieved and Nash was suddenly thrust into the head coaching position. "It wasn't really a difficult transition since I had been with Batangas for three years so I was familiar with the team. I wasn't intimidated," reveals Nash, who was actually younger than a few Blades players at that time. During his first season at the helm, Nash was able to lead the Blades to the postseason, but Batangas was eliminated by the San Juan Knights.

In 2001, Batangas' line-up got a much-needed boost as star players of the Manila Metrostars such as Romel Adducul and Alex Compton joined Batangas. "It was a challenge. We were strong on paper, but the main concern was how to unite the team," says Nash. Somehow he found the right formula, as Batangas turned into a cohesive unit and the Blades sliced through the opposition en route to their first and only MBA crown.

After the MBA folded, Nash momentarily coached the LBC franchise in the PBL and then was added as an assistant coach for the Coca-Cola Tigers in the PBA. Around November 2003, Nash was offered to call the shots for San Beda College in the NCAA. The Mendiola-based squad was in dire need of change as the Red Lions were perennial whipping boys during the last couple of seasons.

Introducing a new system and boosting the confidence of his players, Nash led San Beda to its first Final Four appearance in seven years and was one lay-up short of making it to the Finals before the Lions fell to eventual runner-up Perpetual Help. Entering his second season as bench tactician for San Beda, Nash is looking forward to a better showing for the Lions in the quest for their first championship since 1978.

Unique support

As much as Olsen and Nash reached their present status through their own efforts, it wouldn't have been possible without the support of their parents.

"We weren't well-off, but our parents gave us the opportunity to study in good schools, even if it was difficult for them. They were also supportive of our careers," acknowledges Olsen.

Cesar and Mary Rose Racela made it a point to watch both of their sons' games whenever possible. The parents even traveled with their sons during out-of-town meets.

More than just being present during games, Olsen fondly remembers his mother's unique way of showing support during the UAAP cage wars. "Mama would have her nails painted according to the school colors of our opponents during a specific game day. If we played against FEU, she'd have here nails painted green and yellow," recalls Olsen.

Because of the intensity of the games, there were likewise instances when the parents couldn't hide their emotions. Once, when Olsen was on the receiving end of a hard foul in a PBA game, Cesar felt the urge to avenge the misdeed and hit the back of the opposing player's head. The opposing team's ball boy then ran after the father before Olsen stepped in.

Through good and bad times, Olsen and Nash's parents stood by them. In 2002, Olsen missed two crucial free throws that eventually led to a buzzer-beating win by South Korea in the semifinals of the Busan Asian Games. It was an agonizing time for Olsen, yet ironically he felt that it was still the most memorable experience of his career.

"Even if the outcome wasn't positive, I really learned a lot as a player and as a person," says Olsen. "It even strengthened my relationship with my father." Right after that painful loss, Cesar was one of the first people back home in Manila who talked to Olsen.

Good family men

Just a little over a year ago, however, the Racelas suffered an even greater loss, as Cesar succumbed to a sudden heart ailment. It was a tough time for the family, but they managed to pull through and go on with their lives. "Our family is closely-knit and a tragedy like that only makes us closer," says Olsen.

Cesar failed to witness one of Olsen's career milestones, yet Mary Rose tells a story that may prove otherwise. "Olsen wanted to score his 5,000th point in Manila, but when they were playing in Tacloban, he was only 17 points away. Olsen only had 11 points at the start of the fourth quarter, so it was unlikely that he would score it during that game," recalls Mary Rose. "But the people noticed that a black butterfly kept flying around the court throughout the game. Then for some reason, it was hovering above (San Miguel backup guard) Joey Mente. Olsen didn't get replaced by Mente, and he eventually managed to score his 5,000th point."

Though their father may no longer be around, Nash and Olsen have carried on their father's legacy by being responsible husbands and fathers. Olsen is a father of three, while Nash has one daughter.

"I'm proud that they've become such good family men," remarks Mary Rose. The two brothers have likewise continued something that their father started, managing a business that supplies corrugated boxes to San Miguel Corporation.

"Papa tried so many businesses after he retired, but none of them clicked. It was only two years before he died that he finally had something that worked," Nash says.

It wouldn't be surprising if Olsen and Nash Racela translated their success in basketball to success in their business venture. After all, they never waste any opportunity given them. Q

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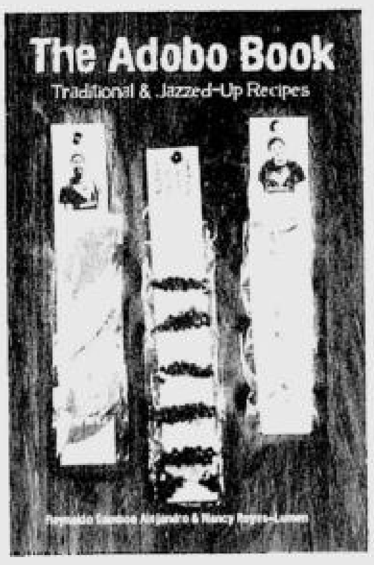
The Adobo Book
Traditional & Jazzed-Up Recipes
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'THE ADOBO BOOK' Culinary diehards Reynaldo Gamboa Alejandro and Nancy Reyes-Lumen, authors of "The Adobo Book," present 500 different ways of cooking *adobo*. The book also has trivial quotes, essays and cooking techniques all dedicated to *adobo*. It will be launched on March 2, 6 p.m. at Café Ysabel, San Juan. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Tubig

May ibinubulong lagi sa akin ang tubig
tuwing ako'y naliligo.

Marahan muna itong namamaybay
sa aking katawan, at mag-iiwan
ng bahagi ng kanyang katawan.

Mag-iipon siya ng lamig sa aking balat
habang unti-unting naiipon na ang kiliti
sa aking batok at balikat.

Guguhit ang pananabik
sa bawat pandamang kanyang dinadaanan.

Dadamhin ko ang kanyang katawan
na kanyang iniwan sa aking katawan,

ngunit kung bakit lagi siyang humuhulagpos
tuwing siya'y aking hahaplitin

at mauulinigan ko na lamang ang ingit ng mga hinaing
ng humahabang pila sa labas ng banyo.

Nagkukrus ang kanilang mga noo.

Genaro R. Gojo Cruz

umaga sa central luzon

Nagsisiyapan ang mga sisiw
dumadag-is ang pabo
kumakaluskos ang mga kambing na nakisilong
sa kural ng naisangla nang baboy
Parang tarangkahang di mabuksan-buksan
ang langitngit ng poso
parang sinindihang watusi naman
ang tsinelas ni nanay sa batuhan
inapuyan ng unang sikat ng araw
papuntang tindahan ni kapitan
kukuha ng tigdalwang pisong plastik ng kape
at isang supot ng monay
idadagdag sa lista

habang tahimik na namamasyal ang mga gagamba
sa inaagiw nang kamalig

Daryl L. Leyesa

The **Sunday Inquirer Magazine** accepts contributions for our regular poetry section. Interested contributors should send a printed copy of the poem (which may be in English or Filipino) together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ruel S. De Vera, poetry editor, Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Chino Roces (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Mascardo and Yague Streets, Makati City 1263, or e-mail to <poetry_sim@inquirer.com.ph>

The sponsors pose after the ceremonial tee

Tee Time

SMART Infinity Supports the 21st Mango Tee

Jun Litonjua and Mike Wasmer raisetheir trophy as overall champions

Lining up a shot

SMART Infinity recently sponsored the 21st Mango Tee held at the Alabang Country Club. The tournament was named as such because the mangoes are in full bloom here during this time of year. Traditionally a very competitive event, the Mango Tee sees golfing pairs competing for the top plum while enjoying the lush greens of Alabang.

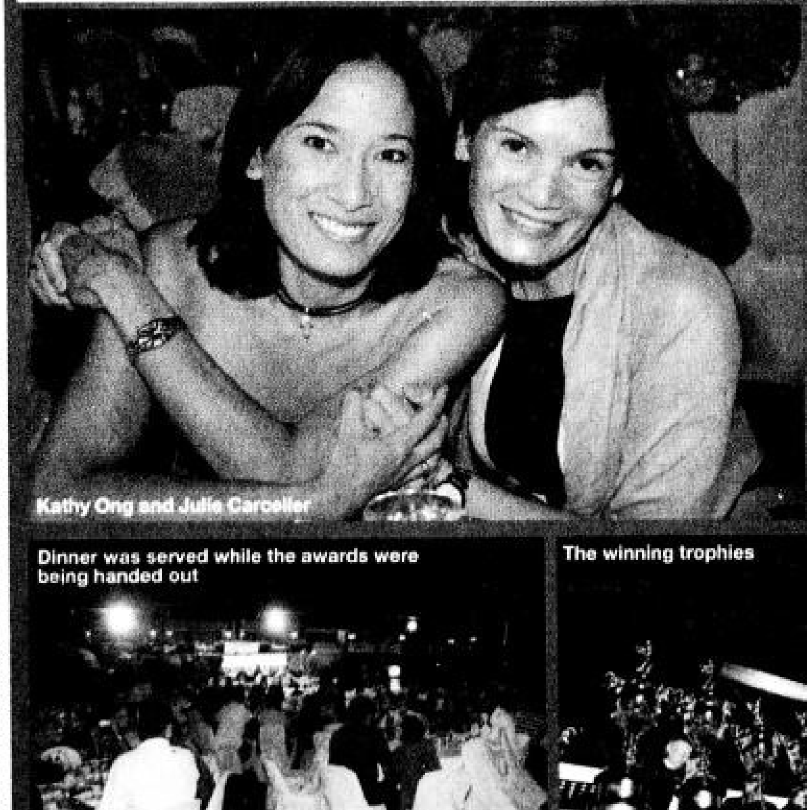
The 2005 edition of the Mango Tee proved to be just as competitive as part contests. Jun Litonjua and Mike Wasmer zoomed to the overall net title after exploding for 86 big points on the last day of the tourney. The pair had a 36-hole tally of 155, just one point ahead of the dynamic duo of Chito Recto and Abe Avena. Recto and Avena were still good enough to win Class B, however, just failing to win their second overall championship in the last four years.

Participants and fans of Philippine golf were also treated to a record-setting round on the final day of the Mango Tee. Iggy Clavecilla shot a nine under 63 including a pitched-in eagle in the third, as well as seven birdies, thus earning the lowest ever gross score in the 21-year history of the event.

As proven by the recent signing of Philippine Sportswriter's Association (PSA) Sportswoman of the Year Jennifer Rosales with SMART, the telecoms giant recognizes the importance of the country's many golfing aficionados. Even as Jenny continues to make the country proud abroad, SMART Infinity remains one of the most ardent supporters of golf and the many tournaments across the land. The 21st Mango Tee is just the latest in a long line of golf showcases that SMART fully backs throughout the calendar year.

SMART infinity

Class C winners Peter Co and Jun Puno



Kathy Ong and Julie Carceller

Buddy Velayo and Jose Marie Hechanova show off their Class A trophies beside Julie Carceller and Alabang Country Club President Fernando R. Balatbat

Abe Avena and Chito Recto were winners of Class B

Dinner was served while the awards were being handed out

The winning trophies

Cocktails before the actual tournament started

Class B runners Up Willie [illegible] and Jun Engracia

Businesswatch

By Eric S. Caruncho

The Taipan's Tale

A new book presents, in broad but intriguing strokes, the extraordinary life and world view of Alfonso Yuchengco, one of the Philippines' most unconventional and enigmatic business tycoons

ONE OF the last books Nick Joaquin worked on was a biography commissioned by business tycoon Alfonso T. Yuchengco. Both the writer and his subject were in their 80s by then, and Yuchengco was said to have joked, "If you don't finish the book before I die, you'll have to bring the manuscript to heaven or hell, wherever I may end up in."

As it turned out, Joaquin went first last April. He had managed to complete his research and some chapters, however, and it was left to writer Alfred "Krip" Yuson to finish the job.

"Tell Krip he's not allowed to die before finishing the book," Yuchengco is said to have remarked to Virgilio Lacaba, Joaquin's literary executor, who shepherded the project to completion. "Don't tell him about the curse," he added. (Apparently, two previous biographers had also died before completing their works.)

By whatever mojo, Yuson managed to sidestep the jinx, and "To Leave A Good Name: The Legacy of Alfonso T. Yuchengco" was launched, auspiciously enough, as the Year of the Cock came in.

Authorized

Being an authorized biography, "To Leave A Good Name" is by no means as comprehensive as it might have been. Joaquin's primary sources were Yuchengco himself and his children, and as might be expected, thornier business and family matters remained off limits. For instance, the patriarch refused to talk about the deaths of his second wife Teresa and their daughter Elena, except to say that the memories were still too painful to unearth.

The issue of succession in the Yuchengco business empire, a subject of some speculation in business circles, is also sidestepped, although eldest son Alfonso "Boy" Yuchengco, Jr.—long a fixture in Manila's bohemian scene—weighs in with a short but illuminating essay on why he has refused the mantle of "Taipan Jr." There are few hints, however, as to what his father's own thoughts are on the matter.

Yuchengco is a notoriously tough interview (there are business reporters who have been waiting for a green light for years). When he does grant the rare audience, he often uses humor to sidestep questions he doesn't want to answer. Joaquin, the crusty old writer, fueled by his customary beer, was probably less reverential than most, and so managed to squeeze a little more juice out of him. Still, what eventually ended up on the page is more intriguing than revealing.

For instance, the following exchange between writer and subject seems typical:

NJ : Building all these big companies, how did you go about it?.

AY : You know, to be successful in life, it all depends on luck. It is not your ability. If you are lucky, you will be successful. If you are not lucky, you will not be successful. You know, Confucius once said, "Man proposes, God disposes."

NJ : Is that all your explanation for your being a tycoon?

AY : Just luck. Nothing else. No matter how hard you work, if you are not lucky, there is no way you can succeed.

NJ : My God, I can't believe it.

AY : That's true.

NJ : Your father was lucky. You yourself were lucky, too.

AY : I was luckier. I made more money. You know, one thing I firmly believe in is that a good name is forever. But money, no matter how many millions, can be lost in a day.

NJ : Were you cultured into wanting to become a tycoon?

AY : No, never. I just worked. I never aspired to become a tycoon. In fact, I am not a tycoon.

NJ : What are you then?

AY : I am just a businessman. Luckier than some others.

In many ways, Alfonso Yuchengco is the least stereotypical of the great Filipino-Chinese empire builders. Shoemart's Henry Sy and Robinson's John Gokongwei, for instance, built their legends on prodigious leaps from humble beginnings to fabulous wealth.

Yuchengco, however, was born to wealth. Being a second-generation tycoon may have something to do with why Yuchengco seems to be focused less on the creation of wealth than on the question of what to do with it. His willingness to involve himself in politics (beyond the usual "back the winner, whoever he is" ploy favored by big business) is also atypical. His family life is also unconventional in some ways: He divorced his first wife and remarried. He has allowed his daughters to run significant business operations while accepting his eldest son's decision not to involve himself in the family business—unthinkable in a traditional Filipino-Chinese family.

Yuchengco was born in 1923 and grew up in an *accesoria* on Gandara St. in Binondo. His father, Don Enrique, had immigrated to Manila from Fukien as a young man, and had built up a thriving business in rice trading, lumber and construction. Then in 1930, he founded the China Insurance and Surety Company, which later became the Malayan Insurance Company, the cornerstone on which the Yuchengco family fortune was built.

Don Enrique and his wife had four daughters in succession, but three sons born after died in infancy. According to Chinese custom, the family adopted three boys, until Alfonso was born.

"Because his parents suspected that the fates did not want them to have a male heir, the little Alfonso was always dressed as a girl and addressed as a girl until he was six years old: to 'cheat' the fates," write the authors.

Puzzlement

"He professes puzzlement when asked if he was brought up Christian or Chinese: 'Is there a difference?' He knows that what he's really being asked is: was he brought up Filipino or Chinese. 'I was born here, so I am a Filipino citizen. And I was baptized when I was a child, so I am a Christian Filipino. As to how I was brought up: we lived the Philippine way, we followed Philippine customs, we ate Philippine food, which is really partly Chinese. So if we ate *pancit* and *linugaw*, as do all Filipinos as well, we also ate *kare-kare* and *adobo*, which I bet is partly Chinese too."

When he reached the fifth grade, Yuchengco was transferred to the Colegio de la Salle, where his grades promptly had him accelerated to Grade 7. Even then, La Salle was already the rich kids' school, but even by La Salle standards, Yuchengco was way ahead of the pack. He would arrive in school in a chauffered Packard limousine (the only other Packard in Manila was owned by President Quezon), and his allowance was P50, a small fortune then.

In high school, Yuchengco formed some of his closest friendships, among them with Jose Revilla (better known by his screen name Armando Goyena), Leo Prieto, Richard Tillman, Tony de la Vega, basketball coach Chito Calvo and many others. To his *barkada*, Yuchengco was one of the guys, and always good for a blowout.

This idyllic period was shattered when World War II broke out. "Like many families in Manila, the Yuchengcos suffered at the hands of the Japanese during the three-and-a-half-year occupation of the Philippines," the authors write. "For starters, China Insurance Company, Inc. was taken over and liquidated. The Japanese took over all of its assets and closed the company down. For good measure, Enrique was detained at Fort Santiago, together with 30 other prominent Chinese-Filipino businessmen."

Refuge

At the height of the war, Yuchengco took refuge in the family rice mill in Pangasinan. When he returned to Manila after Liberation, he found to his dismay that most of his mentors, the Christian Brothers of La Salle, had been massacred by the retreating Japanese.

Yuchengco went back to school, finishing his accountancy major at the Far Eastern University and becoming a CPA preparatory to taking over the family business. By this time he had also married his first wife, Paz Sycip (sister of business guru Washington), and the couple had begun a family. Later, he attended Columbia University in New York for a Master's Degree, but returned to the Philippines a semester short of graduation.

After his father died in 1953, Yuchengco began to put his own stamp on the family business, and to expand it. By this time, the Malayan Insurance Company was the country's largest non-life insurance company, and Yuchengco ventured into the field of life insurance by establishing Great Pacific Life Insurance Co. (Grepalife). In 1960, he again expanded, this time into the banking industry, by establishing the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC). Sensing that the gravitational center of business was shifting away from Manila, Yuchengco was among the first Filipino-Chinese business leaders to make the move from Binondo to Makati. This period of growth and expansion continued well into the 1970s, when Yuchengco pioneered in the pre-need industries and even the credit card business when he brought in Diner's Card.

Today, of course, the Yuchengco Group of Companies is one of the largest conglomerates in Southeast Asia, entering the millennium with US $ 4.4 billion in total resources. Apart from insurance and banking, the group has investments in travel, hotels, car dealerships and property, and operates 60 companies employing 14,000 people.

Anti-Marcos

Considering how much he had to risk, Yuchengco did something extraordinary when, at the height of Martial Law, he decided to back the anti-Marcos movement, or at least, that faction of it known as the Light-A-Fire Movement. Begun by a group of social democrats as an alternative to the National Democrats' armed struggle, the group consisted of a number of urban cells. Its biggest claim to fame was the bombing of the PICC which helped convince the international community that Marcos was losing his grip on the Philippines.

Typically, Yuchengco puts a humorous spin on the story. It seems he had been booking a hotel suite to use for meetings with the group. His wife found out about it, thought that he was having an extramarital affair, and confronted him with it. Since being involved in an anti-Marcos plot would have alarmed her even more, Yuchengco says he kept mum about the real reason for the hotel suite, until much later.

In any case, Marcos himself appears to have known of Yuchengco's involvement. As Yuchengco relates it, Gen. Fabian Ver had issued an arrest order for him. He was already en route to Taiwan when the order was served, and the plane was ordered back to Manila. It was only the intercession of then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile that prevented the warrant from being served. Still, Yuchengco had to spend a period in self-imposed exile in San Francisco, until Marcos fell from power.

Homespun

The book's title stems from Yuchengco's homespun philosophy, which he says he learned from his father. "A million, a hundred million, even a billion can be lost in a day," he says. "But a good name is forever. And so, for me, a good name is much more important."

Parallel to his companies' business expansion, Yuchengco began to espouse what he calls "social return on investfment" or SROI, a concept which is now implemented through the AY Foundation. Each company in the Yuchengco group chips in one to five percent of its annual profits to the foundation, which funds 500 scholarships a year and health programs, including a hospital for indigent patients. These are the patriarch's preferred ways of giving back.

Now 81 years old, it is not surprising that Yuchengco's thoughts are preoccupied with his legacy. Although his eldest daughter, Helen Dee, manages the bulk of the conglomerate, and most of the younger siblings defer to her, the question of succession continues to tantalize observers.

"I think I said earlier that for me a good name is much more important than a fortune. So my dream is that my children will be able to preserve a good name. The only way they can do that is if they don't fight with each other and they can work together. One possibility is to divide the businesses to be managed by each. Another possibility is that they work as a group, but each has one vote, and all decisions must be made by the majority. As of now, I have not made the decision as to which would be the best. Before I make a decision, I guess I have to talk to them first and find out their opinions also."

It seems that the final chapter in the Alfonso Yuchengco saga remains to be written.

Stylewatch

By Harriet Ann Dy

The Babe With the Bling-Bling

Former ramp model Ana Lloren converted four years of absorbing Asian aesthetics into a gem of an idea

ROMY HOMILLADA

LIKE several ex-mannequins before her—Tweetie de Leon-Gonzales, Joyce Oreña, and Isabel Roces among them—Ana Lloren, too, has succumbed to the bling-bling bandwagon.

With a decade of successful modeling experience behind her, she has found a new calling as a jewelry designer/entrepreneur.

Since 2002, she and her Malaysia-based modeling agent and business partner Ming Chan have been selling semi-precious creations made or sourced from different Asian countries.

"I've always been into gems since I was a kid, so when I noticed that accessories were becoming a fashion staple back then, I thought I'd give it a try," she recalls.

Family and friends soon found handcrafted necklaces, earrings and bracelets—forerunners of what will later become Ana's One Gem brand—under their Christmas trees. Buoyed by the good feedback, she decided to spend the following holidays not just making presents, but selling them at the Heaven Sent bazaar at Manila Polo Club as well.

Asian aesthetic

"My goal was just to earn enough to pay for my airfare back to Malaysia," she says of her early venture. She remembers lugging her merchandise to the bazaar venue as early as five in the morning, and scouring Quiapo and Divisoria for supplies the rest of the time. That Christmas, she sold almost 1,000 pieces in various *tiangges*, mostly chunky turquoise bracelets and pieces that mixed Nepalese silver with semi-precious stones like carnelian from Thailand, pale peridot from India, and garnet.

Ana credits her Asian-inspired aesthetic, culled from four years of regional modeling stints, as One Gem's main appeal. She had originally wanted to go to Singapore for fashion week in the late '90s when a modeling agent pointed her towards Kuala Lumpur.

In Malaysia, she walked down the runway for major fashion brands like Christian Dior, Versace, Hermes, Celine, Loewe, MNG, Escada and Justin Oh of UK. "The response was really good; I was even able to do a national campaign for a Malaysian brand," she says.

Despite her success, however, the loneliness got to her. "At some point, it wasn't just about the work anymore but the companionship," says Ana. In 2004, she decided to quit the runway and come home to Manila to devote her time to her business.

Her exposure to a tapestry of cultures only polished her eye for beautiful things. The Indian influence is apparent, as reflected by singular pieces that are modern, ornate and reasonably priced at the same time. But she also has clean and simple designs for teenage buyers and really chunky creations for mature women.

"What clients love are the one-of-a-kind pieces," says Ito Kish of the eponymous home design store. He started carrying Ana's creations about two years ago "as a test market, and so far, it has consistently sold very well."

Twin passions

We loved her mother-of-pearl, jasper and green garnet pendant (P7,000), and the white jasper/black onyx and brown agate variation (P6,000). A black rutile ring is simple but bold, as is a peridot ring (P6,000). A peridot waterfall necklace (P7,500) is sure to enhance bare necklines.

"The trend these days is definitely about being individual," says Ana. Chandelier earrings are consistent bestsellers; sales of chunky rings are picking up. Red garnet is popular because "it's cheap but looks expensive" and stones in luminous shades and multifaceted cuts like peridot, aquamarine and topaz also sell very well.

Aside from Kish, Ana's jewelry are also available at House of Laurel and at Tru Bags at Rockwell Mall. She also holds Tupperware-inspired private parties upon request. Eventually, she'd like to move on to including white gold and more precious stones in her selection.

"It really helps that I'm a model; my clients trust me," she says of her twin passions. Q

For inquiries on One Gem, call 0917-7567396 or 850-9520.

A GLOBAL CITIZEN IN THE MAKING

The European International School (E.I.S.) Manila is the common educational framework of the French School Manila (Ecole Française de Manille), the German School Manila (Deutsche Schule Manila) and the European International Baccalaureate (IB) School. E.I.S. Manila offers quality education from Preschool to Grade 12 through its different sections and promotes academic excellence based on balanced education, European values and international standards.

The European International School Manila offers a unique tri-lingual International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. E.I.S. Manila is one of the few schools worldwide that offers the IB in English, French and German. The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive, two-year pre-university course of study characterized by critical thinking, intercultural understanding and exposure to various perspectives. It is open to students (16-19 years old) of all nationalities, who wish to study in universities in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Europe as the IB is a credential recognized by the most selective universities worldwide.

What makes E.I.S. Manila even more unique is a Filipino student whose native tongue is neither French nor German, taking up the tri-lingual programme. Andre Confiado who is part of the IB Graduating Class of 2005 is an exceptionally talented 17-year-old. His father, Sulpicio Confiado, is a career diplomat who was a former consul at the Philippine Embassy in Berlin and is now detailed in Malacañang as Deputy Presidential Assistant for Foreign Affairs. His mother, Priscila, a development consultant and former instructor in social work at the UP, CEU and Miriam College, took up graduate studies as a scholar in Madrid. Both of his parents speak Spanish.

Andre's first brush with a multicultural setting happened at the age of 10 when his father was posted in the Philippine Embassy in New Delhi, India in 1997. Through the advice given by a colleague, his parents decided to place him at the Ecole Française de New Delhi so that he may be with other international students and to make it easier for him later on to enrol in another school in another country that has the same system. Andre at that time did not yet speak a word of French. Thus, during his first six months at the Ecole Francaise de New Delhi, the school provided him with two French language tutors. The intense tutoring enabled him to learn, speak and write French at an accelerated pace, and he was able to handle his non-language subjects in French very well.

In 2001, Andre and his family moved to Berlin where his father was posted as the Consul of the Philippine Embassy. From 2001-2003, he attended the Französisches Gymnasium (French Grammar School) in Berlin. The school, which dates back to the 1600s, was both a French and a German school. It was at this time that he learned the German language.

In August 2003, the family came back to the Philippines where Andre and his parents decided that he enroll in the IB Diploma Programme of the European International School as the opportunities that would be open to him after graduation would be much broader. He is interested in pursuing a degree in International Relations and has already set his eyes on universities in Europe, particularly in Germany, with plans of taking graduate studies in the US.

Even if Andre spent a good part of his teen years abroad, he has not lost sight of his Filipino roots: his appreciation for the Filipino language, respect for his elders and respect for his family. He can still be taken for a typical Filipino teen given his renewed interest in basketball these days. Nevertheless, he is also into soccer, swimming, skiing and snowboarding (a sport he grew to like while in Germany). Another activity that he ardently pursues is playing classical piano. He has been training under different piano teachers even before leaving for India. In Berlin, he even had as a tutor, Abelardo Galang, a Filipino concert pianist who has performed at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. His love for classical music and playing the piano helps him concentrate and focus better on his studies. As his parents have noticed, when he focuses on his music and practices seriously before studying, his grades improve.

Andre is a well-rounded outgoing young lad whose friends come from the four corners of the globe. At E.I.S. Manila, his classmates hail from Germany, France, Portugal, Switzerland and the Philippines. His exposure to people with different backgrounds and different cultures makes him more tolerant and more appreciative of other people's characteristics, opinions, cultural backgrounds and languages. It is true that contact with other people's history, culture and tradition at a very young age greatly helps develop a person's maturity. Moreover, taking the IB Diploma Programme has helped Andre develop intellectually because the subjects are very challenging as the programme involves a lot of reading and writing coursework, which will eventually prepare him for the arduous research tasks involved in university studies wherever he may wish to pursue them.

For families interested in finding out more about the IB Diploma Programme at the European International School Manila, there will be a presentation at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on March 3, 2005 at 6:30pm. Admission is free. For reservations, interested parties may call 7761000 ext. 251 or 221.

E.I.S. Manila is currently accepting applications for its 2-year full scholarship offering for the IB Diploma Programme. Filipino students (4th year high school level) who are interested to apply may directly contact Mr. Philippe DURANT, IB Coordinator (tel: 7761000 ext.231, fax: 8241517, email: ib-coord@eis-manila.org). The European International School Manila is located at 75 Swaziland Street, Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque. The scholarship programme will also be presented during the event at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

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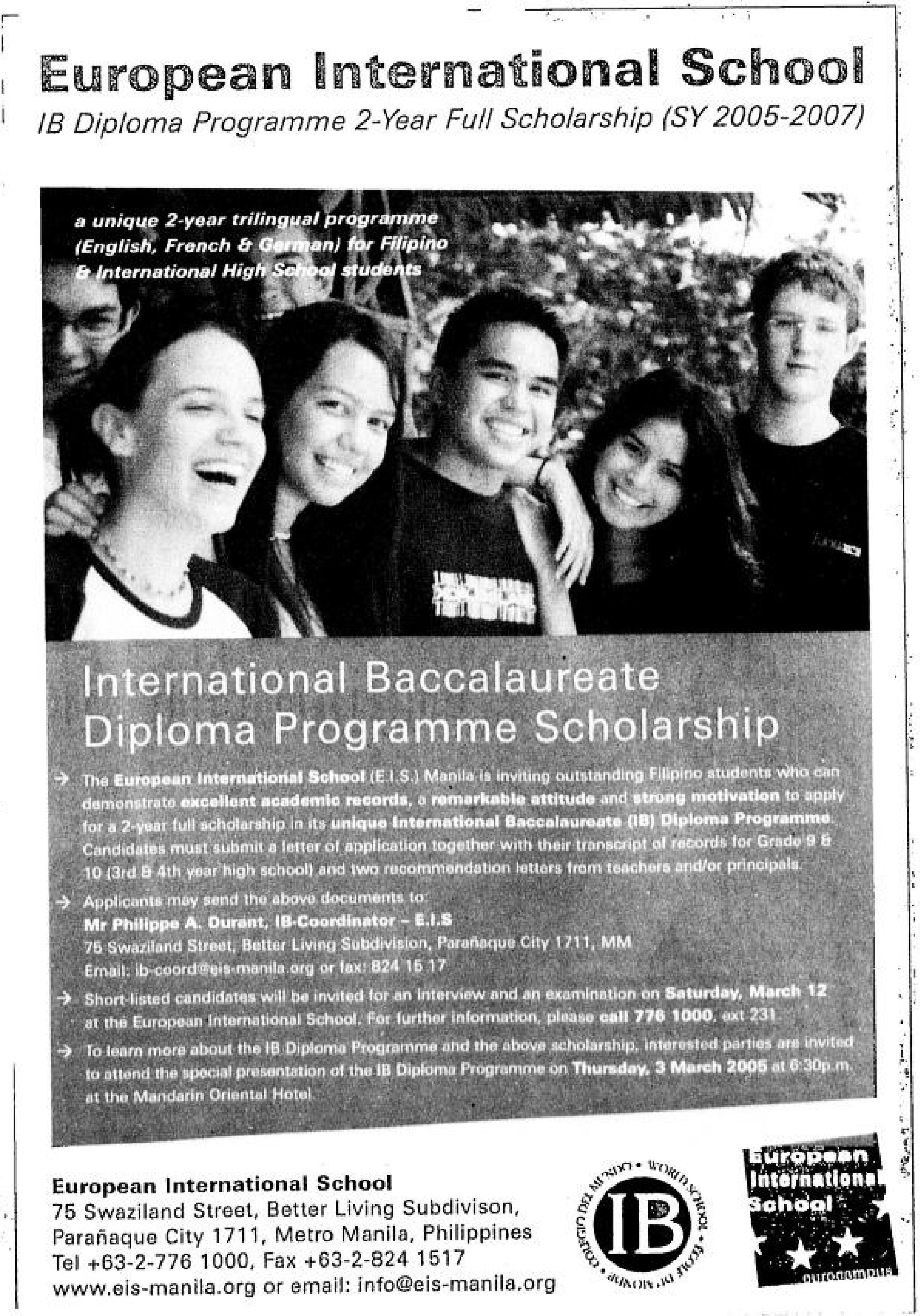

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→ Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview and an examination on **Saturday, March 12** at the European International School. For further information, please **call 776 1000**, ext 231.

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First Person

By Oscar P. Lagman Jr.
La Salle High School '55

One section of La Salle High School Class '55 in its sophomore year. Author is in the first row, extreme left

Back to High School

Our section was originally in another part of the building, but the class had more than its share of troublesome seniors, so the principal transferred us to the room nearest his office so he could watch over us

"COME alive on March 5, 2005!" call the organizers of the De La Salle homecoming this year. To about 50 members of High School Class '55 the catchphrase may very well have a literal meaning. They are now in their mid-60s, most of them retired, white-haired, if not already bald, and slowed down physically by ailments that come with old age.

At a recent get-together at Riquit Lagdameo's Forbes Park residence, the topic of the after-dinner conversation was the deteriorating state of our health, banter brought about by the pulling out of pockets of after-meal medicines, mostly for diabetes and hypertension, some for arthritis, one or two for prostate disorder.

Class '55 has the distinction of being the only high school batch in the history of the school that had five principals: Brother John Mark in first year, and before the completion of the school year, Brother Denis; Brother Fidelis in second year; Brother Cletus (who never failed to say he got his name from the sixth pope) in third year; and finally Brother Jerome. Only American Brothers taught us English Grammar and Religion subjects, both of which we had every quarter.

For some members of the class, it will not be a real homecoming, for they have been back at the good old Alma Mater for many years now. Except for those years when they went abroad for further studies or a foreign posting, they have spent most of their adult life in the old "home." Macario Gonzalez, valedictorian of the class, served alternately as president and vice president of the university for many years. He stays in the Brothers' quarters at Taft. He is better known, of course, as Brother Andrew Gonzalez. Another resident of the Taft campus is Lamberto Feliciano or Brother Benildo. He was once provincial of the Christian Brothers in the Philippines and at one time a counselor to the Superior General in the mother house in Rome.

Raul Mirasol, once a Brother, has been teaching in the Graduate School of Business since his retirement from Shell, and was once posted in New Zealand. I have also been teaching off and on in the same Graduate School since 1969, right after I got my MBA abroad. Rafael "Pompoy" Dinglasan, ofice in President Cory Aquino's Price Control Board, lived in the family's old house right across the street from La Salle until recently.

Never been home

But there are those who have not been "home" since they graduated from high school. There is Peter Nolasco, a renowned architect in New York. Another architect practicing in the States is Tommy Eleizegui, who designs hospitals. Speaking of hospitals, a Nuclear Medicine specialist in New York is Wilfredo Sy, while a heart surgeon in the Los Angeles area is Rene Guzmán.

I didn't expect much from Rene, for he was one of the teachers' pests all throughout our high school years. Peter was not really a pest, but he was one of the more playful students. I know because he sat in front of me. I can't forget one incident involving him and Paeng Hizon that shocked the entire high school department.

During our time, there was in every classroom an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary on a perch just above the blackboard. In our classroom the statue rested on a base of cotton, to simulate clouds. A long piece of cotton was hanging down from the perch when during a break, Peter told Paeng, "Dare me to put a lighted match to this cotton." "Dare!" the normally somber-looking Paeng exclaimed.

Peter struck a match and lit the cotton. The fire quickly climbed up the perch to the bed of cotton on which the statue stood. For a fleeting moment the Blessed Mother looked like she was rising above a raging fire. Panicking, Peter pulled down the burning cotton base. In so doing, he accidentally pulled down the statue as well. It came crashing down to the floor, some pieces flying out of the classroom. The guys in the next room, having heard the commotion, rushed out. Seeing the splintered image of the Blessed Mother amidst burning cotton, they shook their heads in disbelief.

Paeng went on to UP for Chemical Engineering-Pharmacy in preparation for his eventual takeover of the family business, Hizon Laboratories. He has been CEO since the 1970s.

Our section, 4-B, was originally in another part of the building. But the class had more than its share of troublesome senior students. So Brother Jerome, the principal, transferred our section to the classroom nearest his office so he could watch over us. One day, during a change of teachers, the members of the class had a paper ball fight, as we were wont to do when the next teacher took time in coming. One big ball rolled into the principal's office. Brother Jerome's big frame suddenly materialized at the door. Holding the piece of evidence, he asked, "Alright, who is responsible for this?" No, no one was going to be a stool pigeon. That was the "code of honor" of the entire school.

Heroes

"So, you guys are all heroes. Okay, then none of you leaves the classroom for lunch," said Brother Jerome. We were detained in the classroom during the lunch break, but we continued our merry way to fight hunger. At 1:25 p.m. Brother Jerome ordered us to join the regular afternoon assembly at the football field. We marched out of the building on to the field, to the great puzzlement of the other classes. Everybody else had come back from lunch outside the campus.

On our way back into the building and up the stairs to our classroom, Herman Grey told the class to limp like the surrenderees of Bataan. Roddy Dimayuga, a ham and a joker, and his sidekick Peping Berroya pretended to be propping up and dragging each other up the stairs. When we got back to our classroom, Carlitos Grodzicki told everybody to slump their heads over the desk. When Mr. Villavert walked into the classroom and stomped his feet on the platform to rouse us up, not one of us sat up straight or looked up at him. Carlitos, who sat right in front of the teacher's desk, was looking back behind his arms and giggling to death.

Carlitos went to the States right after high school, and has stayed abroad. He will be coming back for the first time to attend our golden jubilee. The bosom buddies Roddy and Peping are both deceased. Roddy, who became an architect, was killed in a vehicular accident, while Peping died of natural causes. For a while Peping was called "Ashes." He was a transferee from Pasig elementary school. On his first Ash Wednesday at La Salle, he asked what one said when the priest applied ash on the forehead. Roddy, always the prankster, told him to shout out "Ashes!" Peping did just that, to the surprise of the priest and to the extreme delight of Roddy.

The teachers' pets were in Section A. All those who went to the Brothers' Novitiate after graduation—Brothers Andrew and Benildo, Raul (Brother Solomon for 15 years), Henry Lazatin (Brother Henry for 17 years), Ignacio Maramba, and Joseph Cruz—came from that section.

Turo Castro went to the Philippine Military Academy and became a general. Andy Reyes, who gave the present president of PWU her married name, and Tonypet Araneta, whose surname a Miss International once used as her last name, went to military institutes abroad.

I had in different years Tonypet, Ed

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Noteworthy

Eat, Drink and Be Wary

A new PCIJ book serves up the recent dietary trends and lifestyle changes that have made food both provocation and placebo in Filipino households

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JUST when you're about to despair over media's inability to rise above sex video scandals and shoplifting rumors, here comes this book from the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) that makes us taste the infinite possibilities of the profession.

"Feast & Famine," a special report on food and the Filipino, shows us how many more issues—some of them right at the tip of our tongue—are waiting to be explored, chewed and digested. Food, a central theme in Filipino culture, is celebration, salve for grief, thanksgiving offering, spiritual repast, social lubricant and economic indicator.

To such paeans, the book adds a sour note: food as a potential social problem. In 11 well-seasoned essays and a succulent photo spread by Ed Santiago, "Feast and Famine" serves up the recent dietary trends and lifestyle changes that have made food both provocation and placebo in some households. What's behind the Filipinos' passion for instant noodles and where's the danger in that? asks the writer in "The Tastes That Bind." "The Big Picture" explores the reasons behind the rising obesity among Filipino children, with a detailed nutrition report on a typical burger meal.

The other essays talk about the sachet packaging of everything from coffee to soy sauce to catsup and mayonnaise, and what it means to poor families and the environment; the boom in corned beef sales; the rise of organic markets; the dangers of genetically-modified organisms already present in our food; why more Filipinos are going hungry; life on the *lugaw* line, our own version of the soup kitchen; a light essay on the myriad incarnations of the pancit; why mothers often skip meals, and why faddish diets should be taken with a grain of salt.

All in all, it's one huge serving of food for thought, a cautionary tale on how our diet might yet be one to die for.

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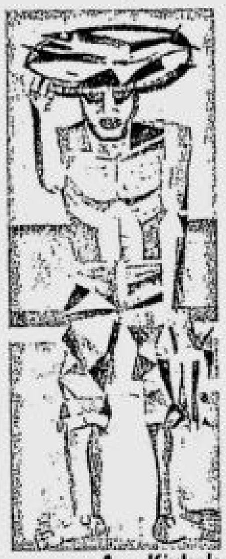
This Week

Art

Kiukok, Recent Works 2000-2004, Ang Kiukok's exhibit of paintings with his signature themes-the passion of Jesus Christ, still lifes, fisherfolk, clowns, mother and child, vicious animals and nudes, from Feb. 25 to March 13 at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall Art Center.



Ang Kiukok presents his recent works at Finale Art File

Life Was Almost Perfect, an exhibit of large oil works by Argie Bandoy at the Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Loop, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN Compound until March 19. For details, call 410-0995.

Psalms of Hope: In Praise of God in the Year of the Rooster showcases William Yu's rooster paintings until March 4 at Metro Gallery, 455 P. Guevarra St., San Juan, Metro Manila.

Attack Painter, a solo exhibit by Jayson Oliveria, until March 12 at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. For details, call 897-6990.

Benedictus, an exhibit of new paintings by Edwin Wilwayco at The Crucible Gallery, 4/L SM Megamall A. For details, call 635-6061.

Telltales, an exhibit of paintings by Lina Llaguno-Ciani of hidden images of a woman's face and heads of flowers, on view at Galleria Duemila, 4/L SM Megamall A from March 1-15.

Wilson Ma, Ferdinand Montemayor and Emmanuel Garibay hold their respective solo shows of recent works on canvas and paper at the Boston Gallery, 72 Boston St., Cubao, QC until March 19. For details, call 722-9205.

Crossings: Philippine Works from the Singapore Art Museum chronicles close to 100 years of art in the Philippines, from Fabian dela Rosa's portrait of "Jose Rizal" (1902) to Nunelucio Alvarado's "Crossing" (2000). Exhibit runs until June 12 at Ayala Museum. For details, call 757-7117 to 21.

Music

On March 31, 8 p.m. Globe Gentxt brings **Avril Lavigne's Bonez Tour to Manila** for a one-night concert at the Bonifacio Global City Open Field in Taguig City with her guest, Simple Plan. Fans can expect to rock all night as Avril performs her hits songs "Sk8r Boi," "I'm With You," "Losing Grip" and "Falling Down." Tickets are available at all Ticketworld outlets (National Bookstore).

Onstage

The Alliance Francaise de Manille presents Dramatis Personae's production of Copi's politically charged satire, **Eva Peron**, with an invitational gala performance on March 2 at 8 p.m. at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater of the RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City. This performance will be in the English language. A special invitational performance this time in Filipino will be staged at the Rajah Sulayman Theater in Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila on March 15 at 8 p.m. Although the performances are invitational, Alliance Francaise also welcomes the public on limited seats for free on a first-come, first-served basis. For headcount monitoring, call 895-7441 and 895-7585.

In celebration of Women's Month in March, the British Council will present top UK actress Linda Marlowe in **No Fear**, a powerful one-woman theatrical presentation combining music, mime and monologue. Performances will be at the Marcelo B. Fernan Press Center-Cebu on March 1, Henry Luce Auditorium-Dumaguete on March 3, and at the CCP Little Theater on March 5. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the CCP show are available at the CCP Box Office and Ticketworld outlets. For inquiries, call Susan Arcega at 914-1011 to 14 ext. 130.

Emmanuel Garibay holds an exhibit of recent drawings at Boston Gallery

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Restaurateurs, hoteliers, resort and canteen operators and those planning to open their own foodservice business now have a chance to hone their skills through Mb&G/ProActive's **Managing a Restaurant/Canteen seminar-workshop** from March 2-10, 1 to 5 p.m. at Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. For details, call 687-1787.

Isaac and Niño delos Reyes, two of the top flamenco dancers of the New Generation who honed their skills in the famous Escuela Amor de Dios, will hold a **workshop on Nuevo Flamenco** (New Flamenco) for beginners and intermediates from March 4 to 7 at the Fundacion Centro Flamenco, 8463 Rockwell Drive (Kalayaan Ave.), Makati City. For details, call 751-2243.

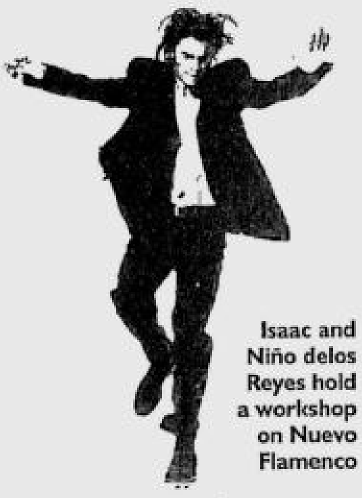
Mensa Philippines hold a **qualifying test** for those interested to become Mensa members on March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UP Hotel in Diliman, Quezon City (inside the UP campus). Test takers are to bring a valid ID with photo. Testing fee is P400. Undergraduate students can enjoy a discounted rate of P150 upon presentation of a valid school ID. Those interested can walk-in any time.

A **Hands-On Introductory Course on Figurine Making**, Fiberglass, Stained Glass and other polyester resin products will be held on March 3 to 5. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

The Japan Foundation, Manila will hold a **Japanese-Language Teachers' Technology Workshop** on March 5 at the JICA-Net Philippines Satellite Center, 4/F Juinio Hall (NEC Building), Osmeña cor. Agoncillo Streets, UP Diliman, QC. The workshop is intended to provide Filipino Japanese language teachers the opportunity to learn the English version of the "Minna no Kyozai" site and the Internet Japanese Test on the web. For details, call 811-6155 to 58.

The Manila Archdiocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church will hold a half-day **seminar on Floral Offerings for the Liturgy: Holy Thursday Altar of Repose** on March 7 at the Manila Cathedral. Rachy Cuna will be the speaker. Registration fee is P300. For inquiries, call Precie at 524-5062.

The **International Women's Day Celebration** will be held on March 8, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Clamshell I, Intramuros, Manila. The event is a gathering of key government agencies, non-government organizations and various women's groups to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Feminist Movement of the Philippines and the Pearl Anniversary of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women. This kick-off activity will see the launching of an exhibit/bazaar that showcases arrays of innovative products of almost 100 women micro-entrepreneurs from March 8-12.



Isaac and Niño delos Reyes hold a workshop on Nuevo Flamenco

US-based photographer Sam Molina will conduct a three-day **workshop on digital photography** from March 17-19 at the Comfoods Building Annex, Gil Puyat Avenue, cor. Chino Roces, Makati City. Molina will demonstrate how to download images to a computer, how to work with scanners and how to use image-editing software. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call 813-7420 and 843-5341.

The Real Estate Education Center will hold for seven consecutive Saturdays starting March 12 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) a series of **Real Estate Seminar and Review** for those taking their forthcoming Real Estate Brokers' Licensure Examinations to be held at the Asian Mansion, Dela Rosa Street, corner Ayala Avenue, Makati City. For inquiries, call 921-4520.

The Philippine Press Photographers is organizing a **Photojournalism Impact seminar/workshop** on March 13 at the Malacañang New Executive Building. The seminar involves training in technical and journalistic skills, stimulation of creative perception and guidance in performing the ethical standard of photojournalism. Some of the topics to be discussed are Covering Conflict Areas (Romy Gacad and Erik de Castro); Wire Service Photo Operation (Bullit Marquez); Photo Editing and Editorial Photo Appreciation (Boy Cabrido); Photojournalism (Ernie Sarmiento) and Ethics in Photojournalism (Isagani Yambot). For inquiries, call the PPP secretariat at 301-0808, Boy Cabrido (0919-8804896), Manolet Agoncillo (527-3385), Jerry Carual (736-1186) or Val Handumon (0917-2099225) or log on to www.philpressphotog.com.

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A Sense of Baguio Through Einosuke Rudy Furuya's Eyes, a photo exhibit of about 60 images arising from Baguio's landscape, until March 12 at Galerya Kordilyera, UP Baguio. For details, call (074) 442-4708.

A **Vipassana meditation course** will be held on March 16-27 at Sico Farm, Dasmariñas, Cavite. Vipassana is a simple, systematic and practical meditation technique of quieting and sharpening the mind through direct self-observation. No fees are charged but donations are most welcome after completion of the course. For details, call (02) 823-1418 or (02) 523-4842.

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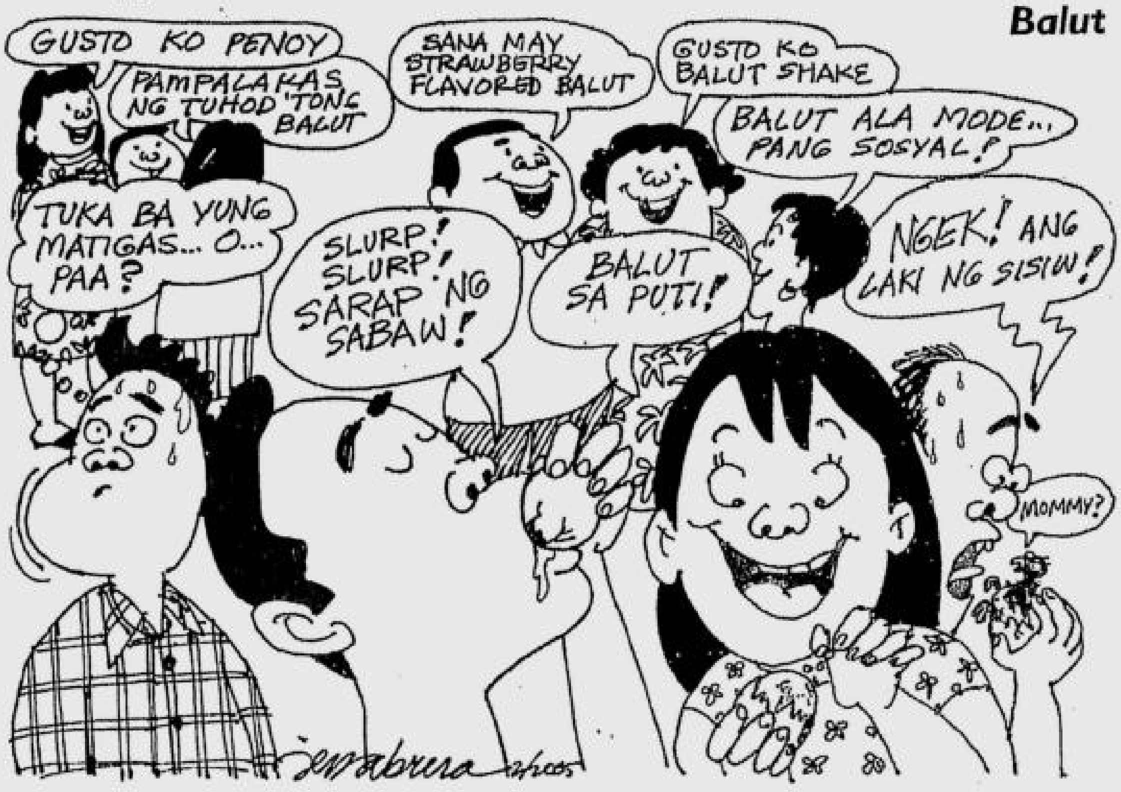
Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Balut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MOMMY?

Back ...from page 6

Ampil, Tommy Sanchez, Tony Gamboa, and Viyo Lopez in my class when I taught in the Management Development Program of AIM in the 1970s. A year or two after attending the program, Tommy was shot in cold blood by the enraged husband of his friend.

Speaking of classmates I dealt with much later in life, Jay Jay Calero helped me get into J. Walter Thompson in 1961. Teddy Dimayuga was my client (he gave me a rough time!) when he was a brand manager at Procter & Gamble. (JWT serviced P&G from 1946 to 1963.) Jay Jay, Teddy, Herman Montenegro, owner of Activated Carbon and once president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and myself are Philippine Marketing Association awardees for excellence in marketing.

I still run into old classmates in different situations. During my advertising days I dealt with Marquitos Roces, general manager of the pre-Martial Law ABC Channel 5, and Pay Corrales, manager of his sister Pilita. On my recommendation, a niece engaged the services of family lawyer Pompoy Dinglasan. I was once on a commercial flight captained by Johnny Andrews. He invited me into the cockpit and gave me a running account of what he was doing.

Twenty-three of the members of HS '55 donned the La Salle varsity uniform for basketball, football, baseball, and (in my case) softball. We'll all be remembering a lot of games when we come home. But we'll also be thinking about the 27 members of HS '55 who won't be coming home to La Salle, ever again. Q

LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

Washing Away the Bitterness

I don't regret that I loved him, but I wish that it didn't have to be this hard

Dearest Joe,

I never wanted to love him, yet I know I'll never deserve a man like him. He had it all: good looks, brains, money and the kindest disposition I've ever seen. For a year and five months, he was mine. Then, he broke up with me. We got back together after I asked him to come back. Then I let him go and chose someone else. He asked us to try again but it didn't work. Three times, we tried and failed.

During those years, we became the best of friends. He was there, not only for me but for my family as well. We kissed each other still, and always ended up in bed. For almost six years we were together.

Then he graduated from school and I was afraid he would find someone else when he started going to work. But every night, I prayed that he'd find work so he'd be happy. Then, January of this year, he finally got a job offer. Then, he started mentioning this girl's name. I didn't put any malice to it, and I made him promise to tell me if he had found someone else.

He failed to see me for almost three months. Then, he admitted he was seeing a co-worker. The next day, I called him up on his cellphone, and he said he'd call back. When I called again, a girl answered it, and claimed she was his girlfriend, a claim he later confirmed. He said that he planned on telling me about it after I finished school. He said he didn't want to hurt me.

Joe, I felt like dying. He asked me, wasn't it his right to look for happiness? He said he'd call once in a while, but he didn't. I want to hear his voice, to see him, but at the same time, I don't.

I'm not mad, and I want to be really happy for him. I don't regret that I loved him, but I wish that it didn't have to be this hard, this painful. I wake up with thoughts of him. At night, I cry myself to sleep.

Why did he have to go? Why did I have to fall for him when he was not going to be mine? Why does love have to hurt this much?

Anna

Anna,

There may be times when we become so miserable and ask ourselves why God allows us to experience unbearable pain. God doesn't delight in our misery. Pain is God's way of purifying us and making us better persons. And when he allows us to experience it, it doesn't mean that he doesn't love us.

Anna, you may have been destined to love the man who cannot love you back, but that doesn't mean that life ends here. You fell in love with a man who cannot be yours, but that doesn't mean there is no one who can be. You have loved and hurt badly, but that doesn't mean the pain will never pass.

Everything that happens to us happens for a reason, and as the saying goes, sometimes the person who makes us happy is the same person who can hurt us and make us cry. Anna, it is perfectly alright to feel sorry for losing him, but you cannot be sorry all your life. It is okay to cry yourself to sleep at night, but you cannot shed your tears for him forever. You cannot cry every night all your life. It is okay to think of him when you wake up in the morning, but you cannot let him take control of your thoughts forever.

I guess you have been sorry long enough. You have shown so much regret already. It's over, Anna. You have to accept that there could never be any "you and I" anymore. He is gone and has moved on with his life. You have to realize that you should not allow yourself to be left behind following his shadow. You have to move on and find your own happiness, even if it means not being with him.

Let us always remember that love isn't love it if doesn't hurt. And it is better to be hurt by love than not to be hurt because we were too afraid to love. The only way to move on is to accept reality. And it will help if you let the pain love has brought you make you a stronger person, and let the tears that you cried wash away the bitterness and misery in your heart. Q

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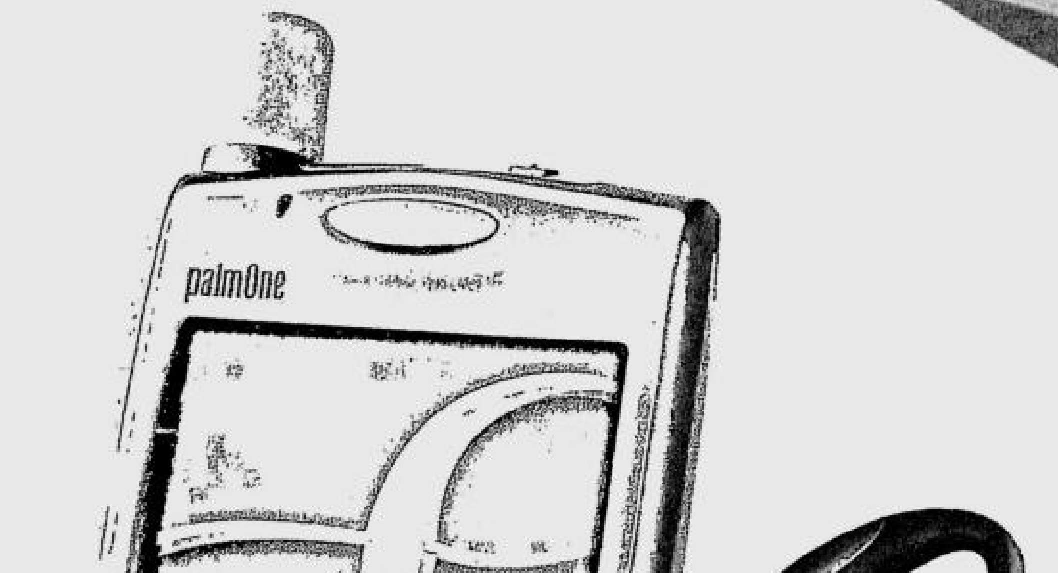

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